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eugeneshapiroisapig wrote:

> greatcod, you crack me up....

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> I'm telling you guys that if you can find an outlet you need to

> purchase a "head steamer".

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> the sawing off your arm idea would work if you did it quickly enough.

> But see the problem is that in most cases the tick needs to be attached

> for 40+ hours before transmission.

I disagree with that statement. Strongly disagree.

Transmission has been documented in as short as a few hours.

Improper tick removal can cause premature transmission (squeezing the tick forces pathogens in to your bloodstream like using the plunger on a syringe; putting vaseline on a tick will get it to release AFTER it regurgitates; if you remove the tick improperly and the mouth parts stay in but body comes off it continues to transmit pathogens; etc.).

This 40 hour thing is like the 90% rash figure. Purely invented and glosses over the finer details.

It is used to say "you couldn't have gotten Lyme the tick wasn't on long enough."

Often you don't KNOW how long a tick was on (if you did presumably you'd remove it ASAP). If you see a tick on you, you may have others you don't see—it proves you've been exposed in an area where there are ticks (or your dog brought them in). The tick you don't see might be the problem.

Also, if you review ALL the literature you'll see that transmission CAN occur much more quickly, in three or four hours in one documented case; in 6, 8, 10, 12 hours in other cases; commonly in 24 hours etc.

The most accurate statement that one can make is that the greater the

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duration of tick exposure, the greater the risk of transmission. There is no reliable bright line number.

- > So a lot of the time if people sawed
- > off their arms, it might be a waste because the ticks weren't on long
- > enough.

Alternatively if that is the case, one might just remove the tick properly, and then treat prophylactically.

OR if the patient prefers you could cut off their arm.

Six of one half a dozen of another? ;-)

- > And if you chop your own arm or leg off because you were bitten
- > by a tick I can guarantee a long stay at a mental institution. Not to
- > mention what they'd do to you if you were bitten on the scrotum and
- > chopped off your own balls.

A modified Loraina Bobbit. Actually I believe that both KathLOON and Lisa tried to do this to the poor fellas who made the hugest mistake of their lives and married them. AND procreated with them.

- > In the middle ages, dog bites were often cauterized or seared to
- > prevent rabies. Sometimes hands or arms were chopped off to prevent
- > rabies. And this works, but in the case of rabies it's because the
- > virus travels up the nerves to the brain as opposed to infection
- > through the blood stream, and it usually would take weeks to months
- for
- > the virus to get to your brain from a bite on the extremity.

Hmmmm.

- > Of course if you were bitten on your head or trunk by a rabid animal,
- > you were basically screwed. Although a bite from a rabid animal
- doesn't
- > always transmit the disease.

One can hope.

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