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a\_weisman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I disagree with that statement. Strongly disagree.

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

Yea, so dividing in local and dissiminated seems nonsense to me.

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.).

That's what happened in my case: alcohol, ordinary tweezers that probably squeezed the tick and mouth/head parts that stayed in skin.

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

Very popular here in the Netherlands.

The most accurate statement that one can make is that the greater the duration of tick exposure, the greater the risk of transmission. There is no reliable bright line number.

Yup, that's what I always say.

Alternatively if that is the case, one might just remove the tick

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properly, and then treat prophylactically.

Very contro