

Re: Lyme disease or MS

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DANGEROUS DEER HUNTING IN JACKSON COUNTY

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In November, 1995, my cousin and I went bow hunting for one of the first times at a pig farm in the northwest corner of Jackson County. He was fairly new at bow hunting so I put him in my best spot and began the walk to my other stand. Before I even got back to my stand, he hollered, "I got one!" Turning back, I joined him in examining the 8 point buck he shot.

We began to dress the deer and drag it out of the woods. Occasionally as he gutted the deer; he paused and scraped the knife down his arm. When I asked him what he was doing, he told me ticks were crawling up his arms and he was scraping them off. My uncle came over later to examine the deer and help us to complete dressing it out.

Within a couple of weeks, I began having blurred vision in one eye. I was going to a chiropractor at the time, and I wondered if something about the way he adjusted my back was causing my eyes to blur. Eight weeks after handling that deer; I woke one morning totally blind in one eye. My wife immediately got me an emergency appointment at our eye doctor who sent me that afternoon to a local eye specialist who, in turn, sent me to University of Michigan Eye Center. None of the doctors offered an explanation for the blindness.

Soon afterwards, I also noticed three bite marks on my neck, accompanied by a red rash. Heavy fatigue and muscular problems (difficulty in walking) appeared soon after the rash. My family physician examined the rash and prescribed cortisone cream for it, but decided to recommend a neurological examination for the muscular problems. Within only a few weeks my "doctor quest" already included five physicians.

During the same period of time, my cousin began experiencing vision and muscular problems and sought treatment from a different set of doctors. Fortunately for him, pneumonia set in and he was hospitalized and treated with intravenous antibiotic therapy. (He didn't realize at the time how lucky he was to get sick enough to receive antibiotic therapy.) The pneumonia and other symptoms temporarily subsided. My uncle developed Bell's palsy during this same time period but was also fortunate to receive intravenous antibiotic therapy prior to surgery. The Bell's palsy went away.

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My neurologist's report diagnosed the possibility for "mini" strokes but I was never treated, neither were any additional tests performed by the neurologist. I was still going to Ann Arbor to have my eye examined. I was faithfully us