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john wrote:

I was wondering.. Since Spinal Taps can test for several different things that blood tests cannot.

Possibly. A spinal tap may be ordered if there are symptoms consistent with neurological impairment, as I understand it.

But...if the tests (antibody, PCR) are "negative"...this does not "rule out" the disease, if I am not mistaken.

So, yes, the spinal tap MIGHT be useful in a patient with central nervous system involvement...IF it is positive.

Also, I read a few years ago from some medical literature that it may be possible that lyme can spread through the air...and this is how other close family members get it aswell... any truth behind this?

No.

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