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StubbyElvis wrote:

are there any advancements in testing on the horizon?

There was a highly-touted test that was developed a few years back that was supposed to better or equal the current two-step testing procedure (C6 ELISA), but it hasn't really taken hold in practice, so far as I know, and it doesn't seem the CDC will recommend replacing the current scheme anytime soon.

early detection

seems to be the key element from the things you've posted.

Exactly correct.

You are really talking about tests that rely on antibody production, so for the very early stages of the disease, antibody production may not be great enough to register results...and may never, in some individuals.

For this reason, the diagnosis of Lyme disease is a "clinical diagnosis", based upon observable signs and symptoms, history of rash and/or tickbite...with supporting blood tests making that clinical diagnosis more or less likely.

I dunno about all the death notices here recently...but I would not under-estimate the possible severity of this disease...if I were a "duck".

(In case you are not fully at running speed on this...a "duck" is supposedly a "doc" who is not "LLMD"...a "Lyme-literate" physician. In

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the bizarre world of "Lyme activists" ...a "duck" hangsout at the "duck motel"...a hospital...and people who talk like this are arguing with the scientific researchers about the survival of the bacterium that causes the disease).

And the problem is...that they consistently do, in fact.  
(Under-estimate and downplay the severity, that is).

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