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The role of the laboratory in the diagnosis of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases

Presentation Outline:

1. Which laboratories can perform Lyme disease testing?
2. How is Lyme diagnosed currently? Both direct and indirect methods will be presented.
3. Panel approach for diagnosis of Lyme disease.
4. Which tests should be performed to diagnose different stages of Lyme Disease (early, late or chronic Lyme)?

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the presentation, attendees should be able to:

1. Identify how Lyme disease is transmitted.
2. Describe and diagnose Lyme disease.
3. Recite direct and indirect diagnosis of Lyme disease.

About Dr. Harris:

Dr. Nick Harris, a board certified immunologist, is currently the President and CEO of IGeneX Laboratory, which he founded in 1991. His undergraduate training was at the Univ. of Wisconsin and graduate training at the Medical Center, Univ. of Illinois, in Chicago. Following a postdoctoral fellowship in transplantation immunology at the Univ. of Minnesota, he became an Associate Professor of Surgery and Biochemistry at the Univ. of Texas. He left academia to head the immunology department at Bioscience Laboratories in L.A., he then joined 3M Diagnostic Systems as Technical Director. Dr. Harris has three patents, over 100 formal publications in Immunology and Lyme disease, and three book chapters. He helped found ILADS in 1999 and is an active member of numerous societies. He is on the Board of Directors of CALDA and of the International Lyme and Associated Disease Society.

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