

# Raphael Stricker, MD

## Controversies in Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment

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### **About the lecture:**

Lyme disease is a controversial illness, and the optimal approach to the diagnosis and treatment of disease caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi* remains undefined. This presentation will review the epidemiology, clinical features and pathophysiology of Lyme disease. The controversy surrounding chronic Lyme disease will be discussed, and the diagnostic criteria and therapeutic options for patients with tickborne illness will be examined. The influence of tickborne coinfections on the evolution of Lyme disease will also be reviewed.

### **About Dr. Stricker:**

Dr. Stricker received his medical degree and training in Internal Medicine at Columbia University in New York. He did subspecialty training in Hematology/Oncology at the University of California San Francisco, and supplemental training in Immunology and Immunotherapy at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Dr. Stricker is Past President of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS). He is also a member of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS), the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) and the American Society for Reproductive Immunology (ASRI). He is a recipient of the American Medical Association Award for Physician Excellence and an Outstanding Reviewer Award from the Annals of Internal Medicine. He has authored over 200 medical journal articles and abstracts. Areas of special interest include coagulation disorders, emerging infectious diseases, immunodeficiency, immunologic infertility, and tick-borne diseases.

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