I was finally diagnosed with Lyme Disease three years ago, after having auto-immune diseases and MS suspected. We figure I had had it already for about 3 years (when I remember tick bites). I was having peripheral neuropathy (my initial lyme blood test came back with a false negative), dizzy spells, and lowered pulse rate (down to 41 at times). My knee also blew up, but none of the orthopedist who I consulted knew that that was a classic lyme symptom. It is incredible how ignorant most MD's in Oregon are about lyme disease.

Since the lyme bacteria hides out in different forms, my initial treatment was 3 different anti-biotics daily for 3 months - and since my symptoms were neurological, one of them was daily via IV.

This treatment was NOT able to eradicate the bacteria.

I tried a second time to eradicate the bacteria with a HUGE amount of potent natural products (homeopathics, herbs, essential oils, vitamins, colloidal silver, etc.) but again, was unable to eradicate it.

Being very fortunate and otherwise very healthy, I now manage it with no symptoms by treating for six weeks every five months with three potent natural lyme killers. I am treated by a brilliant N.D. who specializes in Lyme Disease. Although I have health insurance, all my extensive costs are out-of-pocket. I really don't kwow what those who simply don't have the funds do.

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