



## LYME DISEASE ASSOCIATION of NEW JERSEY, INC.

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August 12, 1997

Dear Physicians,

The Lyme Disease Association of New Jersey has supported the Lyme disease research of Dr. Manfred Bayer for many years. His important research project has resulted in the publication of a major peer-reviewed article, "Borrelia burgdorferi DNA in the Urine of Treated Patients with Chronic Lyme Disease Symptoms: A PCR Study."

As many of you know, this research project has taken another step forward with the collaboration of Dr. Bayer with Dr. H. Ralph Schumacher, Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Their joint research is described in the accompanying letter from Dr. Schumacher.

Your participation in this project is essential. Patients and physicians alike have faced a myriad of problems associated with the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease - especially chronic Lyme disease. The studies conducted by Dr. Bayer and Dr. Schumacher, utilizing the latest molecular biology techniques (e.g. PCR, in situ hybridization) will help us to further elucidate the complexities of diagnosis, pathogenesis, and persistence of the organism.

Please follow the instructions carefully. The researchers are particularly interested in obtaining the information required on the Background Data Form - this is **required** if we are to obtain publishable data. Contact with the researchers is necessarily limited to physicians - please inform your patients.

We certainly appreciate the time and effort put into this by you and your staff. Working together, we can find a cure for this debilitating disease.

Sincerely,

Patricia V. Smith, President



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October 10, 1997

Dear Physicians,

Recently, you received a packet of materials from the Association concerning the Lyme Disease Project it is funding at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). PCR will be performed on urine samples that you submit from your patients.

As a result of a meeting with Dr. Ralph Schumacher and Dr. M.E. Bayer about the project, I am providing you with additional information you may find necessary to participate.

First, regarding the enclosed mailing instructions, please note that the \$80 patient donation is not mandatory, only suggested. Second, physicians may call Dr. Schumacher at the Veterans Administration Hospital for results 4-6 weeks after samples are sent. The numbers are (215) 823-4244 or (215) 823-5979. Since this is a research project, written reports will not be provided. Patients are not to contact HUP! Thank you for your cooperation.

If you require patient consent and/or patient history forms, you may fax the Association at (732) 938-7215.

Sincerely,

Pat Smith, President