

Vermont Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

Policy Statement on Treatment of Lyme Disease

Pursuant to the mandate of H.123 effective July 1, 2014 the Board issues the following policy statement:

- “(1) A physician shall document the basis for diagnosis of and treatment for Lyme disease, other tick-borne illness, or coinfection in a patient’s medical record;
- (2) A physician shall obtain a patient’s informed consent in writing prior to administering any proposed long-term treatment for Lyme disease, other tick-borne illness, or coinfection; and
- (3) The Board shall not pursue disciplinary action against a physician solely for the use of medical care recognized by the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Infections Diseases Society of America, or International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society for the treatment of a patient’s symptoms when the patient is clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease or other tick-borne illness; however, this does not preclude discipline for errors, omissions, or other misconduct within practicing within such guidelines.”

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