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Dr Matthew Dryden's biography

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Matthew Dryden is a clinical director of infection the Hampshire Hospitals Trust in Winchester, UK and at the Rare and Imported Pathogens Department, Public Health England. He is also an honorary senior lecturer at Southampton University Medical School and a member of the medical department faculty at St George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. He is a consultant to the Falkland Islands and St Helena Governments Health Services. His department has a link with Yei Hospital in Southern Sudan.

His clinical and research interests include staphylococcal infection, skin and soft tissue infection, the development of new antibiotics, antibiotic stewardship, the management of MRSA infections, travel medicine and Lyme disease in the UK, and he has published and presented more than 100 papers in these fields. His current research projects include the role of reactive oxygen Surgihoney in wound healing, molecular diagnostics for septicaemia and biomarkers in infection.

Presentation summary

Abstract Lyme disease – a plague of our time?

Lyme disease is the commonest tick borne infection in the northern hemisphere. It appears to be on the increase and has attracted controversy and political intervention. This presentation will review the current epidemiology of borreliosis in the UK and world, the diagnosis, clinical presentation and management. It will also discuss the controversies and the phenomenon of chronic Lyme disease, a plague of our time?