Infectious Diseases: Lyme disease

Technical Details

**Original title:** *Lymelife.*
**Other titles:** *Aprender a vivir* (Argentina).
**Country:** USA.
**Year:** 2008.
**Director:** Derick Martini.
**Music:** Steven Martini.
**Photography:** Frank Godwin.
**Film editor:** Derick Martini, Steven Martini and Mark Yoshikaw.
**Screenwriter:** Derick Martini, Steven Martini and Mark Yoshikaw.
**Cast:** Rory Culkin, Alec Baldwin, Jill Hennessy.
**Color:** Color.
**Runtime:** 95 minutes.
**Genre:** Comedy and Drama.
**Language:** English.

**Productions Companies:** Bartlett Films, Cappa Defina Productions, Cappa Productions and El Dorado Pictures.

**Synopsis:** The plot revolves around a love story that begins and two that come to an end. Scott Bartlett (Rory Culkin), a shy fifteen-year old, is in love with Adrianna Bragg (Emma Roberts). With a brother in the army, he sees how his parents’ marriage fails and they finally break up. On the other hand, Adrianna, who finally requires Scott’s love, lives a similar situation at home. Her mother, who, since her father suffers from Lyme disease, must keep the income flowing, has an affair with her employer, who happens to be Scott’s father...

**Links:**
- [Trailer](http://www.filmaffinity.com/es/film704975.html)
Lyme Disease is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected *Ixodes scapularis* (blacklegged tick or deer tick).

Geographic distribution: Lyme disease is prevalent in the tri-state area.
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is an important link in the life-cycle of the *Ixodes scapularis*.

Tick identification.
Neurological disorders.

Lyme disease treatment: Penicillin V potassium.
Prevention: Remove the tick using pointed tweezers. Other methods to remove ticks, such as using a hot match, are not advised.

Prevention: Physical barriers (Use duct tape to seal pants cuffs to boots).

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