



There are currently three ways to get involved:

1) Know the Symptoms—Tell Your Family, Friends and Acquaintances

Make sure family, friends and acquaintances know the symptoms of Lyme disease. If you or someone you know is experiencing early symptoms, or have just been diagnosed, please donate blood samples by making an appointment at one of our collection centers. Donors must be 10 years of age or older and complete an authorization/eligibility screening. Patients who meet these qualifications should visit www.bayarealyme.org/collection-sites/

2) Register Now for Future Organ Donation

All patients with Lyme disease are encouraged to register with the Lyme Disease Biobank Tissue Program (www.bayarealyme.org/our-research/biobank) and MyLymeData (www.mylymedata.org). Registering with our partner NDRI as a future donor of post-mortem organs is critical, as it is rarely possible to evaluate how tick-borne disease may infect vital organs such as a person's heart and/or brain. By also providing information about your symptoms and medical history to MyLymeData, you can assist researchers in understanding the disease.

3) If You Are Having Surgery ...

If you have a surgery that removes tissue from an organ or joint, such as a gallbladder or knee replacement, the harvested tissue can be donated to this research program. Registered donors will complete an authorization/eligibility screening prior to surgery. Based on a collaboration with MyLymeData, medical history provided to MyLymeData can be paired with the tissue sample if the donor chooses this.

More information, and appropriate forms for tissue and/or organ donation for Lyme disease research can be found by visiting NDRI's Private Donor Program website at www.ndriresource.org/lyme-disease or by calling NDRI at 800-222-NDRI (6374), Option 5.



HOW CAN YOU HELP OTHERS WITH LYME DISEASE?

Much research still needs to be conducted to make Lyme disease easy to diagnose and simple to cure. In order for researchers to discover and explore potential new diagnostics and treatments, they need blood, urine and tissue samples to use in their studies. The Lyme Disease Biobank, sponsored by Bay Area Lyme Foundation, is working to obtain and characterize critical samples for researchers. By collecting blood and urine from untreated patients with early-stage Lyme disease and patients with chronic disease as well as tissue samples from late-stage patients, this important program will help dramatically accelerate research efforts to accelerate medical breakthroughs. The Lyme Disease Biobank is a collection of nearly 700 human biological samples that facilitates research of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections.