

Professional Notice

To:	Pharmacy Practitioners
From:	Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
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Re:	Lyme Disease

As the Nova Scotia healthcare system continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public may increasingly turn to pharmacy to address their concerns about possible exposure to ticks and Lyme disease. Pharmacists can continue to play a critical role by answering questions from individuals seeking information about prevention and treatment.

Information regarding Lyme disease in Nova Scotia can be found on the <u>DHW website</u>. The website includes both a brochure and a tick check poster that can be shared with the public, as well as information about how individuals can protect themselves, what to do if an individual suspects they have Lyme disease, up-to-date surveillance information, and more.

Further resources to assist you in having discussions about Lyme disease with patients include:

- <u>Guidance for Primary Care and Emergency Medicine Providers in the Management of Lyme Disease in</u> <u>Nova Scotia</u>
- Addressing Lyme Disease Misinformation
- <u>Position Statement on the Diagnosis and Treatment of People Who Have Chronic Symptoms Attributed</u> to Lyme Disease (AMMI)
- The Facts About Lyme Disease: What You Need to Know (AMMI)

Thank you for your continued effort to keep up-to-date and assist the public with Nova Scotia's other significant public health issues.