Lyme disease signs & symptoms

Recognizing the early signs and symptoms of Lyme disease is important. Contact your doctor if you have any concerns about a tick bite.

1. A characteristic skin rash, called erythema migrane, has a bull's eye appearance - a red ring with a central clearing.

2. Some other symptoms include fever and chills, fatigue, headache and muscle and joint pain.

3. Days or even weeks later, the illness may progress and include multiple rashes, facial paralysis on one side, fever, stiff neck, headaches along with general weakness, numbness or pain in the extremities, an irregular heartbeat and persistent fatigue.

4. If a person is not treated early in the disease, some symptoms that may develop months or years after the bite are chronic arthritis, neurologic impairment and fatigue.