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my research notes on the medical politics driving the “Lyme Wars”

Part 28:

Profit motive holds back scientific understanding of Lyme/+ epidemic

Miguel Perez-Lizano listed twenty motives about why such a serious epidemic as Lyme/+ is being so underdiagnosed—and more than half were based on profit-driven economic interests.

Perez-Lizano’s findings are published in his June 2010 research paper, "20 Reasons Why Lyme Disease is Underdiagnosed."

Perez-Lizano began with a note to readers: "Lyme disease may well be the most underdiagnosed medical condition in the United States. Some reasons for this are given below. Many are related to monetary considerations. Supporting detail for these reasons is given in the full version of this document."
(lyme.kaiserpapers.org)

Perez-Lizano listed the following:

- Extremely poor “screening” test
- No standard presentation of Lyme disease
- Highly restrictive CDC [Centers for Disease Control] surveillance criteria
- Misleading implications of low “reported” cases
- Lack of reliable tick and tick borne disease studies
- The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)
- The Centers for Disease Control
- Potential expense to HMO's and insurers; medical conformance enforcement and licensure threats
- The media's role in promoting public and medical ignorance
- Pharmaceutical windfalls
- The research racket
- Test and vaccine patents
- Medical testing laboratories
- Potential impact on disease charities
- Potential impact on specialty diseases doctors
- Potential impact on disability payments
- Potential impact on tourism and real estate prices
- Potential employer liabilities
- Biowarfare aspects

So far in this series I have cited facts that reveal some of the ways that the hard-wired capitalist drive for profits holds back scientific understanding of Lyme/+ and the impact of this growing epidemic, on which Perez-Lizano expands.

The last of the 20 reasons in that list—biowarfare aspects—might appear startling.

But a connection between Lyme and biowarfare would go a long way to explain why the epidemic has been so officially minimized.

Of course, no thinking person, no matter how hungry for information, wants to swallow a half-baked conspiracy theory.

So I ask you to read with care the following segments of this series, which provide research that raises very valid and serious questions about the source of the outbreak of the modern Lyme/+ epidemic.

Next: The center of the Lyme/+ epidemic bullseye: Plum Island