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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July XX, 2016  
**TO:** HHS Physicians and residents  
**FROM:** Dr. C. Main, Dr. M. Smieja, Dr. A. Shroff  
**CC:** Microbiology and Core laboratory MLAs  
**RE:** **European Lyme Disease Serology**

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Serologic testing for European Lyme Disease is now available to physicians through Order Entry in Meditech.

European Lyme disease is caused by *Borrelia garinii* and *B. afzeli*. It is found throughout Europe and northern Asia although it is more common in eastern and central Europe. The clinical manifestations of the disease are similar to North American Lyme disease, however the initial rash, or erythema migrans (EM), may last longer and have less associated inflammation.

The test can be ordered in Meditech using the code **SLYMEU**. Physicians will be prompted at the time of ordering to indicate relevant travel exposure and patient symptoms.

**Please transcribe the travel history and symptoms provided onto the requisition which is sent to the Public Health Laboratory with the specimen.**

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