

2nd Annual Lyme Aware Delaware CONFERENCE

Friday, October 17, 2025
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Morning Agenda†

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 - 8:30	Sign-In Tick Identification Station Open	
OPENING		
8:30 - 8:35	Conference Opening Remarks	Judy Landis Setting, BSN, RN (Inactive), CCRA, Delaware's Lyme Disease Education Oversight Board (LDEOB) Chair
8:35 - 8:40	Welcome	David A. Tam, MD, FACHE, President & CEO, Beebe Healthcare
DELAWARE TICKBORNE ILLNESSES LEGISLATION & UPDATES		
8:40 - 8:50	Delaware Lyme Legislation	The Honorable Kyle Evans Gay, Lieutenant Governor of Delaware
8:50 - 9:05	Delaware Tick Program Updates	Ashley C. Kennedy, PhD, BCE, Delaware State Tick Biologist, Delaware DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife, LDEOB Member
9:05 - 9:10	DPH Vector-Borne Disease Updates & Mandatory Reporting	Antonio Alvarado, MS, Delaware Department of Public Health, Vector-Borne Disease Epidemiologist, One Health Program
LYME DISEASE		
9:10 - 9:50	Lyme Disease and Post-Treatment Illness	John Aucott, MD, Director, Johns Hopkins Lyme Disease Clinical Research Center, Associate Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Former Chairman of the Federal Tick-Borne Disease Working Group
9:50 - 10:30	A Review of Diagnostic Testing for Lyme Disease	Elizabeth L. Maloney, MD, Education Director, VectorWise CME, Former Member of the Federal Tick-Borne Disease Working Group
10:30 - 10:35	Break	
10:35 - 11:15	Neuropsychiatric Aspects of Tick-Borne Illness: Impact and Treatment	Brian A. Fallon, MD, MPH, Director, Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center, Director, Center for Neuroinflammatory Disorders & Biobehavioral Medicine, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University Irving Medical Center
11:15 - 11:55	Lyme Disease Treatment	Neil G. Rellosa, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist, Nemours Children's Hospital, LDEOB Member & Elizabeth Maloney, MD, Education Director, VectorWise CME, Former Member of the Federal Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Speakers



Antonio Alvarado, MS
DE Public Health



John Aucott, MD
Johns Hopkins Medicine



Choukri Ben Mamoun, PhD
Yale Medicine



Michael Buoni, PhD
Delaware Tech



Michal Caspi Tal, PhD
MIT Tal Research Group



Scott Commins, MD, PhD
UNC Medicine



Monica Embers, PhD
Tulane Medicine



Brian Fallon, MD, MPH
Columbia Univ. Medical Ctr.



Lt. Gov. Kyle Evans Gay
State of Delaware



Ashley Kennedy, PhD, BCE
Delaware Tick Program



Elizabeth Maloney, MD
VectorWise CME



Comm. Trinidad Navarro
DE Insur. Commissioner



Neil Rellosa, MD
Nemours Children's Hosp.
Infectious Disease



David Sullivan Jr., MD
Johns Hopkins
Infectious Disease



David Tam, MD
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Afternoon Agenda[†]

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BABESIOSIS		
11:55 - 12:35	Therapeutic Strategies Targeting <i>Babesia</i> Adaptation and Survival Mechanisms	Choukri Ben Mamoun, PhD , John F. Enders Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases) and of Microbial Pathogenesis and Pathology, Yale School of Medicine
12:35 - 1:10	Lunch (Box lunch for in-person attendees) Tick Identification Station Open	
1:10 - 1:20	Afternoon Welcome	The Honorable Trinidad Navarro , Insurance Commissioner of Delaware
1:20 - 1:35	<i>Babesia</i> in the Mid-Atlantic Region & DE Tick Testing Program	Michael H. Buoni, PhD , Instructor of Genetics, Microbiology and Molecular Biology, Delaware Technical Community College
1:35 - 2:15	Curative Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics in the <i>Babesia microti</i> Immunocompromised Mouse Model: Bench to Clinic	David J. Sullivan Jr., MD , Professor, Infectious Diseases Physician, Malariologist, Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute, Center for Global Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
OTHER TICKBORNE ILLNESSES		
2:15 - 2:55	Combination Therapy for <i>Borrelia</i> and <i>Bartonella</i> Infections	Monica E. Embers, PhD , Professor and Director of Vector-Borne Disease Research; Head, Education and Training Program, Tulane National Primate Research Center, Tulane University School of Medicine
2:55 - 3:00	Break	
3:00 - 3:40	Unraveling the Immunopathology of Infection-Associated Chronic Illnesses: Sex Differences and Predictive Diagnostics	Michal "Mikki" Caspi Tal, PhD , Principal Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Biological Engineering and Tal Research Group; Associate Scientific Director, MIT Center for Gynecopathology Research
3:40 - 4:20	A Tick Bite Can Make Me Allergic to Red Meat!? What You Need to Know About Alpha-Gal Syndrome	Scott P. Commins, MD, PhD , William J. Yount Distinguished Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine; Associate Chief for Allergy & Immunology; Medical Director, UNC Allergy and Immunology Clinic at Eastowne
CLOSING		
4:20 - 4:25	Evaluations & CME Information	Lori Maramante, EdD , LDEOB Vice Chair & Katherine Burklew, MHA , Medical Education Business Coordinator, Graduate Medical Education, Beebe Healthcare
4:25 - 4:30	Gratitude & Closing	Lori Maramante, EdD , LDEOB Vice Chair
4:30 - 5:00	<i>Tick Identification Station Available</i>	