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The Basics - Agenda

- ▶ 1. Checklists
- **▶ 2. How to choose the relevant tests**
- **▶ 3. Basic interpretations**
- ▶ 4. Q&As



1. Checklists







Short Symptom Checklist for Lyme E

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8	Painful joints, swollen joints		Mycoplasma:	
9	General aches and pains, tendon problems		Coxsackie-Virus:	
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26	Dark urine			
27	Itching or pain when urinating	╁		+

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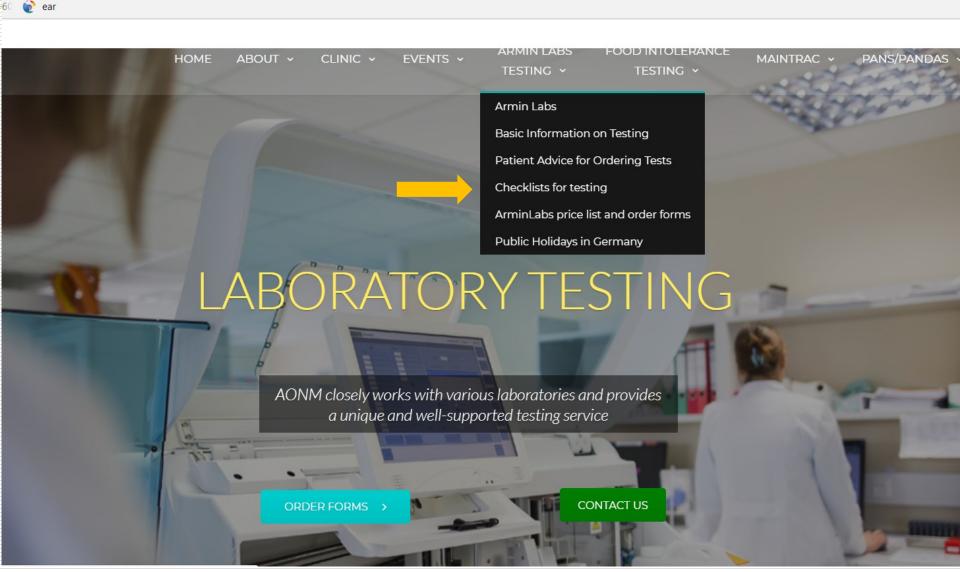


Where to find the checklists:

www.aonm.org - ArminLabs tab

https://aonm.org





Lyme symptom checklist





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5	Lack of concentration, memory disturbance, forgetfulness	\boxtimes	Chl.pneumoniae:	1
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Ranked in order of priority – draw for first place here: Chlamydia pneumoniae (CPN) and Coxsackie

Download from www.aonm.org



Bartonella striae



Source: https://www.lymedisease.org/cdc-identifies-new-species-of-bartonella/



Overview of the tests on the checklists

If you use our digital checklist, the steps 2-6 are automated in the PDF file. You can download it in several languages at www.arminlabs.com/en/forms.

Overview of the most appropriate laboratory tests (please mark with a cross on the Order-Form):

Borrelia burgdorferi: Borrelia IgG-/IgM-SeraSpot® + Borrelia C6 ELISA +

CD3-/CD57+ Cells + Borrelia EliSpot + Borrelia miyamotoi EliSpot

Ehrlichia & Anaplasma: Ehrlichia IgM-/IgG-antibodies + Anaplasma IgM-/IGg-antibodies

+ Ehrlichia & Anaplasma EliSpot

Babesia: Babesia IgG-/IgM-antibodies + Babesia microti EliSpot
 Rickettsia: Rickettsia IgG-antibodies + Rickettsia IgM-antibodies

Bartonella: Bartonella IgG-antibodies + Bartonella IgM-antibodies +

Bartonella henselae EliSpot

Chlamydia pneumoniae: Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG-/IgA-antibodies +

Chlamydia pneumoniae EliSpot

Chlamydia trachomatis: Chlamydia trachomatis IgG-/IgA-antibodies +

Chlamydia trachomatis EliSpot

Yersinia: Yersinia IgG-/IgA- antibodies + Yersinia EliSpot
 Mycoplasma: Mycoplasma pneumoniae IgG-/IgA-antibodies +

Mycoplasma pneumoniae EliSpot

Coxsackie-Virus: Coxsackie IgG-/IgA-antibodies

EBV: EBV IgG-/IgM-/EBNA-/Early-/Avidity-antibodies + EBV Elispot

CMV: CMV IgG-/IgM-antibodies + CMV EliSpot

HSV: HSV 1/2 IgG-/IgA-/IgM-antibodies + HSV 1/2 EliSpot

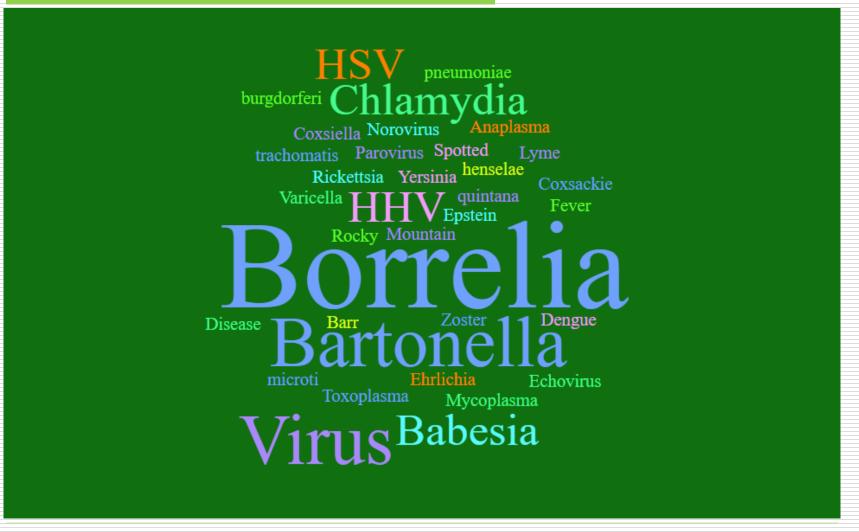
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2. How to choose the most relevant tests





No ranking on the Lyme checklist





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No ranking for the Lyme checklist as several responses are knockout criteria – former or recent tick bite, and having had an Erythema migrans (EM, or bull's eye) rash.





Armin Labs Tests

Please call 03331 210 305 to enquire about additional tests if needed. arminlabs



Test#	Description of test	
-l	Borrelia Elispot	CPDA
-2	CD3/CD57+ cells	Hep+EDTA.
<u>а</u> 3	Borrelia IgG/IgM ELISA	Serum
n4	Borrelia IgG/IgM Seraspot	Serum
= 5	Borrelia DNA PCR	EDTA
=6	Ehrlichia/Anaplasma Elispot	CPDA
=7A	Anaplasma IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum
=7B	Ehrlichia IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum
_8	Ehrlichia/Anaplasma DNA PCR	2 x EDTA
=9	Bartonella IgG antibodies	Serum
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□9A	Bartonella Henselae Elispot	CPDA
=10	Bartonella IgM antibodies	Serum
	(henselae + quintana)	
oll	Bartonella DNA PCR	EDTA
-12	Babesia IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum
□12A	Babesia microti Elispot	CPDA
=13	Babesia DNA PCR	EDTA
o14	Babesia DNA FISH	2 x EDTA
=15	Chlamydia pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA
=16	Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
-17	Chlamydia trachomatis Elispot	CPDA
=18	Chlamydia trachomatis IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
=19	Mycoplasma pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
□19A	Mycoplasma pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA
=20	Toxoplasma IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum
-21	Yersinia Elispot	CPDA
-22	Yersinia IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
=23	Rickettsia IgG antibodies (conorii + mooseri)	Serum
□24	Rickettsia IgM antibodies (conorii + mooseri)	Serum
=25	Rickettsia DNA PCR	EDTA
□26	EBV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)	CPDA
a27	EBV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies	Serum
□28A	HSV 1/2 IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum
□28B	HSV 1/2 Elispot	CPDA
29	CMV Elispot	CPDA
	CMV IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum
□30		
=30 =31	VZV IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum
	VZV IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies Varicella Zoster Virus Elispot	Serum CPDA

Test #	Description of test	
-20	ANA	Serum
	ds-DNS antibodies	Serum
=41	ENA screening	Serum
	c- and p-ANCA	Serum
□43	CRP	Serum
□44	Diarrhoea/Coeliac Disease	Serum
±45	Organ profile: FBC, AST, ALT, GGT, LDH,CHE, total bilirubin, amylase, lipase, CK, creatinine, uric acid, sodium, potassium, alkaline phosphatase, TSH	Serum, EDTA
□46	Total protein, protein electrophoresis	Serum
-47	Lipid profile (cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL)	Serum
□48	Thyroid hormones (TSH, fT3, fT4)	Serum
□49	Thyroid antibodies (TPO abs, TG Abs, TSH receptor Abs)	Serum
□50	Parvovirus B19 IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum
□51	Vitamin D	Serum
□52	Vitamin B6	EDTA
□53	Vitamin B12	Serum
□54	Folate	Serum
=55	LipoDens Lipoproteins	Serum
□ 56	C-6 ELISA	Serum
□ 57	Borrelia myamotoi Elispot	CPDA
□58	Coxiella Burnetti antibodies	Serum
□59	Malaria - proof of antigen	Serum
□60	Salmonella antibodies (Widal)	Serum
=61	Reverse T3	Serum
□63	Hormone Analysis - Estrogen	Serum
□64	Hormone Analysis - Testosterone	Serum
□65	Hormone Analysis - DHEA	Serum
=66	Hormone Analysis - Progesterone	Serum
□ 67	Hormone Analysis - Dihydrotestosterone (DHT)	Serum
□69	Dengue Virus IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum
□70	Candida IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum
□72	Aspergillus antibodies	Serum
□73	Coxiella IgG/IgM antibodies (Q Fever)	Serum
n74	Tickplex Basic - IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia)	Serum
=75	Tickplex Plus - IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia, Bartonella, Babesia, Ehrlichia, Coxsackie, EBV, Parvovi- rus B19, Mycoplasma, Rickettsia)	Serum
□76	Tickplex Premium (not available)	
-77	Panel A Standard Virus Panel	

Borreliosis tests

When testing for **Borreliosis, the** recommendation is to do tests 1, 2, and 4 if possible.

> * Further information on the CD57+ test in Part 2 this evening



Basic diagnostic tests for chronic Lyme disease

- Borrelia IgM and IgG antibodies by Microarray (SeraSpot):
 Sensitivity 60%, specificity 99%
- 2. Borrelia Elispot = <u>current</u> Borrelia activity: Sensitivity 84%, specificity 82-100%
- CD3-/CD57+ cells = chronic Borrelia activity: Sensitivity 70%, specificity? (low in Chlamydia and other bacterial infections)

All 3 tests together: >90% sensitivity+99% specificity

Monitoring 4-6 weeks after end of therapies to verify whether the therapy has been successful or not:

Laboratory STAGING process recommended



Coinfections: combine ranking with the patient's clinical picture

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Suggestion is – as a rule of thumb – to do the first three in terms of ranking. But always combine with the patient's clinical presentation.

Deciding amongst the herpes viruses

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No. 1 suggestion is the group of Herpes viruses. To decide which to do (EBV, CMV, HSV1/HSV2, VZV, HHV6), the clinical presentation and history are key. If there is e.g. a history of glandular fever, reactivation is always possible.

If in doubt, often best to choose the Elispot, as it does not use the B cells (antibodies), which can have issues of their own, but the T cells, and shows current cellular activity against the infection.



Consider both bacterial and viral infections

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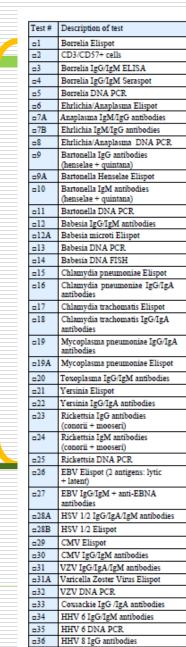
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Bacterial



Currently the EliSpot is available for:

- Borrelia burgdorferi (3 subspecies: B.b. sensu stricto + B.b. garinii + B.b. afzelii)
- Borrelia myamotoi
- Bartonella henselae (new!)
- Babesia microti (new!)
- Chlamydia pneumoniae
- Chlamydia trachomatis
- Mycoplasma pneumoniae (new!)
- Ehrlichia
- Yersinia species
- Epstein Barr Virus (EBV)
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- ☐ Herpes Simplex Virus 1 / 2
- Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) (new!)



Almost any infection-related test possible

Please do ask: ArminLabs can perform almost any bacterial/viral test, even if not on the form: West Nile Virus, Tularemia, Babesia WA1AB, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Q Fever, Typhus, Brucella, Echovirus, Norovirus

Armin is also very happy to discuss testing options and likelihood of infection, depending on the carrier – worth remembering that infections can be transmitted by any insect that regurgitates – not just ticks. Mites, mosquitoes, fleas, chiggers, horseflies ...



Preanalytics: Best workflow for best quality

- Shake all tubes carefully 5-10 times after taking blood
- Put all blood samples in an upright position for 30 minutes
- Store at room temperature. No sun, no refrigerator nor cooling of any tubes
- Protect all tubes in a special test kit for transportation/logistics







3. Interpretations: **Borrelia EliSpot (1)**

Borrelia burgdorferi Elispot Borrelia burgdorferi Full Antigen 8 SI Borrelia b. OSP-Mix (OSPA/OSPC/DbpA) + SI Borrelia burgdorferi LFA-1 6 SI

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Borrelia burgdorferi Elispot

Borrelia burgdorferi Full Antigen	+	32	SI
Borrelia b. OSP-Mix (OSPA/OSPC/DbpA)	+	29	SI
Borrelia burgdorferi LFA-1	(+)	2	SI

Comments:

The results of the EliSpot tests indicate current cellular activity against Borrelia burgdorferi. Explanation of antigens:

Borrelia burgdorferi Full Antigen: Borrelia b. B31-reference strain (Borrelia b sensu stricto) Borrelia burgorferi peptide mix: OspA from Borrelia b. sensu stricto, Borrelia afzelii, Borrelia garinii + OspC native + DbpA recombinant

Borrelia burgdorferi LFA-1 (Lymphocyte Function Antigen 1): Own body protein + Borrelia burgdorferi sensu stricto (shared epitope). Often associated with autoimmune diseases: collagenosis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, vasculitis. If positive or borderline positive look at: ANA, CCP* antibodies, ANCA. (Native: cultured antigens/

Recombinant: produced using genetic

technology)

>3 = positive

2-3 = weak positive

<2 = negative

* CCP = cyclic citrullinated peptide



Borrelia EliSpot (2)

	Analysis			Result	Units	Reference Range	Page: 1 of 1
	Borrelia burgdorferi Elispot Borrelia burgdorferi Full Antigen Borrelia b. OSP-Mix (OSPA/OSPC/DbpA) Borrelia burgdorferi LFA-1	(+) (+)	3 2 0	SI SI SI		>3 = positive	
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Analysis	Result	Units	Page: 1 of Reference Range
Borrelia burgdorferi antibodies ŞeraŞpot (I	Microarray)		
Borrelia burgdorferi <u>ŞeraŞpot</u> IgG	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot VIsE (B.b. afzelii)	negative		negative
Borr, SeraSpot p39 (B.b. afzelii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot p58 (B.b. garinji)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot p100 (B.b. garinji)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. afzelii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. garinii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. sensu stricto)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. afzelii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. garinii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. sensu stricto)	positive		negative
Borrelia burgdorferi SeraSpot IgM	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot VIsE (B.b. afzelii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot p39 (B.b. afzelii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot p58 (B.b. garinii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot p100 (B.b. garinii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. afzelii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. garinii)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot OspC (B.b. sensu stricto)	positive		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. afzelii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. garinii)	negative		negative
Borr SeraSpot dbpA (B.b. sensu stricto)	negative		negative

Seraspot (supersedes the Western blot)

Comment at the end:

"The specific Borrelia burgdorferi IgG/IgM antibodies by Seraspot (modern Borrelia Westernblot) indicate a humoral immune response against Borrelia burgdorferi.

Please refer to the results of the Borrelia EliSpot and the CD57-positive NK cells.

Take into consideration the clinical symptoms and the differential diagnosis (coinfections)."



Epstein Barr Virus EliSpot

Analysis		Result Units	Reference Range	Chart
EBV EliSpot (lytic+latent)			,	
<pre>1 EBV EliSpot (lytic) 0-1 = negative 2-3 = weak positive > 3 = positive</pre>	!	2 SI		
1 EBV EliSpot (latent) 0-1 = negative 2-3 = weak positive > 3 = positive	!	44 SI		
The results of the EliSpe activity against Epstein			lular	

Explanation of EBV antigens:

EBV-lytic antigen: sign of production of infectious EBV virions EBV-latent antigen: sign of EBV latency without production of infectious EBV virions at present



EBV antibodies – each has a very specific meaning

Material: CPDA, Heparin, EDTA, Serum

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Analysis		Result	Units	Reference Range
Epstein-Barr-Virus antibodies				
EBV-IgG-antibodies (IFT)	+	positive		negative
EBV-IgM-antibodies (IFT)		negative		negative
EBV-Early Antigen (IFT)	+	positive		negative
EBV-EBNA1-IgG-antibodies (IFT)	+	positive		negative
EBV-Avidity		high		

The specific EBV-Virus-IgG-, EBV-Early Antigen and EBV-EBNA-antibodies indicate humoral immune-response against Epstein-Barr-Virus.

Please look at the result of the current T-cellular EBV-activity by the EBV-EliSpot.



The higher the titer, the greater the dilution within which the infection is still identifiable

Coxsac	kie-Virus	antibodies	

Coxsackie-Virus-IgG Type A7 (IFT)	+	1:100	Titer	< 1:100
Coxsackie-Virus-IgG Type B1 (IFT)	+	1:320	Titer	< 1:100
Coxsackie-Virus-IgA Type A7 (IFT)	+	1:10	Titer	< 1:10
Coxsackie-Virus-IgA Type B1 (IFT)	+	1:10	Titer	< 1:10

Coxsackie-Virus antibodies

Coxsackie-Virus-IgG Type A7 (IFT)	+	1:3200	Titer	< 1:100
Coxsackie-Virus-IgG Type B1 (IFT)	+	1:3200	Titer	< 1:100
Coxsackie-Virus-IgA Type A7 (IFT)	+	1:320	Titer	< 1:10
Coxsackie-Virus-IgA Type B1 (IFT)	+	1:320	Titer	< 1:10



IgG vs. IgA vs. IgM

HSV 1/2 IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies

6 HSV 1/2 IgG antibodies (ELISA) positive 4,092 Ratio

Ratio < 0.8 = negative Ratio 0.8 - 1.1 = weak

Ratio >= 1,1 = positive

6 HSV 1/2 IgA antibodies (ELISA) positive

2,172 Ratio

Ratio < 0,8 = negative

Ratio 0,8 - 1,1 = weak

Ratio >= 1,1 = positive

6 HSV 1/2 IgM antibodies (ELISA) negative

0,735 Ratio

Ratio < 0,8 = negative

Ratio 0,8 - 1,1 = weak

Ratio >= 1,1 = positive

IgG is conventionally interpreted as a sign of past infection IgA is immunoglobulin along the mucosal surfaces: a likely sign that the virus is still active.

IgM is conventionally interpreted as a sign of recent infection (within the last few weeks)



Very high IgG titers

Varicella Zoster Virus antibodies

Varicella Zoster Virus-IgG-antibodies	+	>5000.0	IE/l	< 80
Varicella Zoster Virus-IgA-antibodies	+	1.680	Ratio	< 0.8
Varicella Zoster Virus-IgM-antibodies		0.630	Ratio	< 0.8

A very high IgG titer is a pointer to possible reactivation, especially if more than five times the upper reference range (rule of thumb used by some ILADS doctors – no study substantiation of this to date)



Comparing Lyme Testing

Key terms:

ELISA – Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EliSpot – Enzyme-linked immunosorbent spot

PCR - Polymerase Chain Reaction

Specificity - True negative rate Sensitivity - True positive rate

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Borrelia Testing Method	Summary	Testing accuracy	Clinical application	Available from Armin Labs
ELISA C6	Tests part of B- cell immune response against Borrelia	Poor sensitivity Poor specificity	Alternative partly screening for Borrelia antibodies	Yes
ELISA IgG / IgM	Tests B-cell im- mune response against Borrelia	Poor sensitivity Poor specificity	Screening for Borrelia antibodies	Yes
Elispot	Tests T-cell activity against Borrelia	High sensitivity High specificity	Reflects current activity last 6-8 weeks	Yes
PCR	Assesses pre- sence of Borrelia DNA in blood	Poor sensitivity High specificity	Reflects current presence of Borrelia	Yes
Seraspot IgG/IgM	Tests B-cell immune response (modern Westernblot)	Poor sensitivity High specificity	Confirmation test for Borrelia antibodies (modern Westernblot)	Yes
<u>Tickplex</u> Basic	Tests B-cell immune res- ponse including "roundbodies"	High sensitivity High specificity	Screening for Borrelia anti- bodies including "roundbodies"	Yes
Western blot	Tests B-cell immune response	Poor sensitivity High specificity	Confirmation test for Borrelia antibodies	No, made obsolete by Seraspot (modern Western blot)
Borrelia culture	Assesses presence of Borrelia in blood	Poor sensitivity High specificity	Reflects current presence of Borrelia	No





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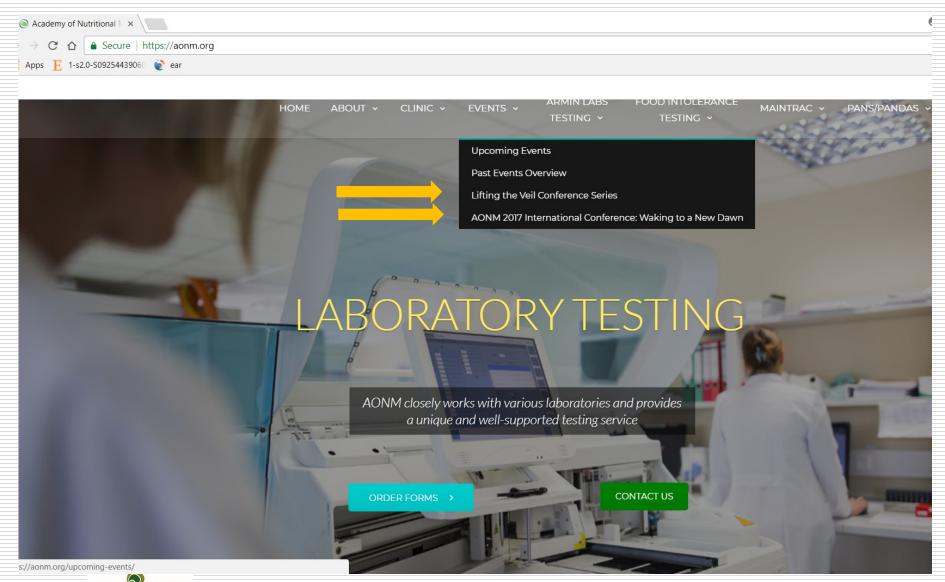
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✓	ArminLabs is internationally ISO DIN EN ISO 15189:2014 accredited in immunology, microbiology and virology on all test procedures	× Not internationally certified
✓	Uses externally certified and externally validated testing	 Uses internal validation Tests are not certified
✓	Clear and easy to read test result report	Requires experience for accurate interpretation and can be equivocal
√	Testing results are reported in 7 days of specimen arrival	Results can take up 6 weeks to be reported
✓	Always updating and improving testing methods in line with the latest testing technologies	Used outdated testing technology
✓	Uses new microarray Seraspot technology which improves on western blot technology for Lyme testing	➤ Uses old western blot technology
✓	Offers EliSpot* testing to assess T-cell activity against Borrelia	▼ EliSpot not offered
✓	Tests for 3 most common worldwide strains of Borrelia (Borrelia burgdorferi sensu stricto + Borrelia burgdorferi afzelii + Borrelia burgdorferi garinii)	Tests for only 1 US strain of Borrelia (Borrelia burgdorferi sensu stricto)
~	Tests with modern recombinant and cultured Borrelia antigens	× Tests with just cultured Borrelia antigens
✓	Offers advanced viral testing* – including EBV, CMV, HSV, VZV, HHV6, Coxsackie	× No viral testing offered
✓	Offers testing for autoimmune disorders	 Don't offer testing for autoimmune disorders
✓	Lab tests paid in Euro (less expensive than US currency)	Lab tests paid in US Dollars (more expensive than payment in Euro)
√	Readily available clinical consultation with Dr Armin Schwarzbach MD PhD and regional medical advisors	 Consultation available but no regional medical advisors
✓	Modern EliSpot and antibody diagnostics for infections with yeasts, moulds and Campylobacter jejuni	No modern diagnostics for infections with yeasts, moulds and Campylobacter jejuni offered

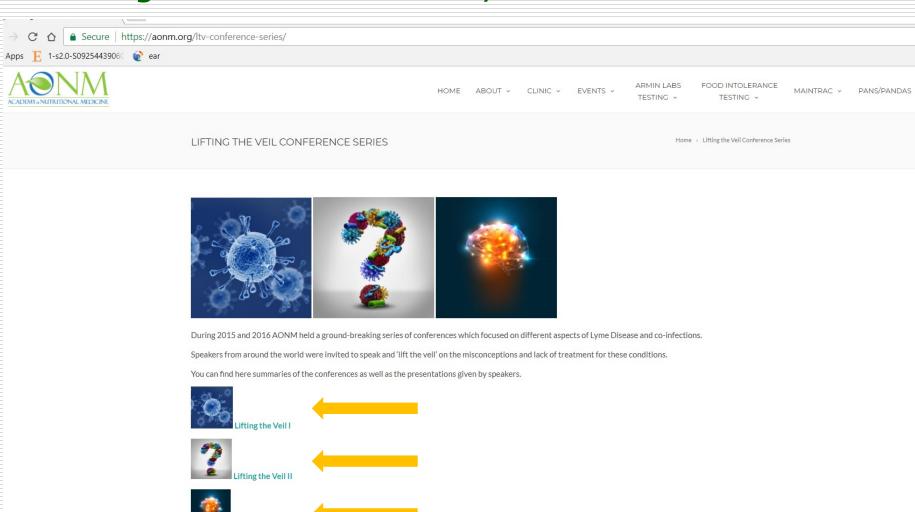


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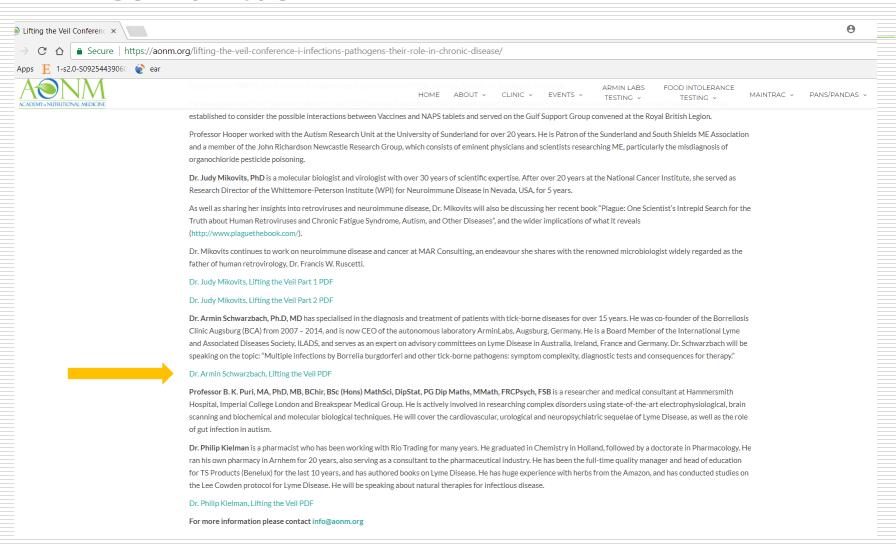
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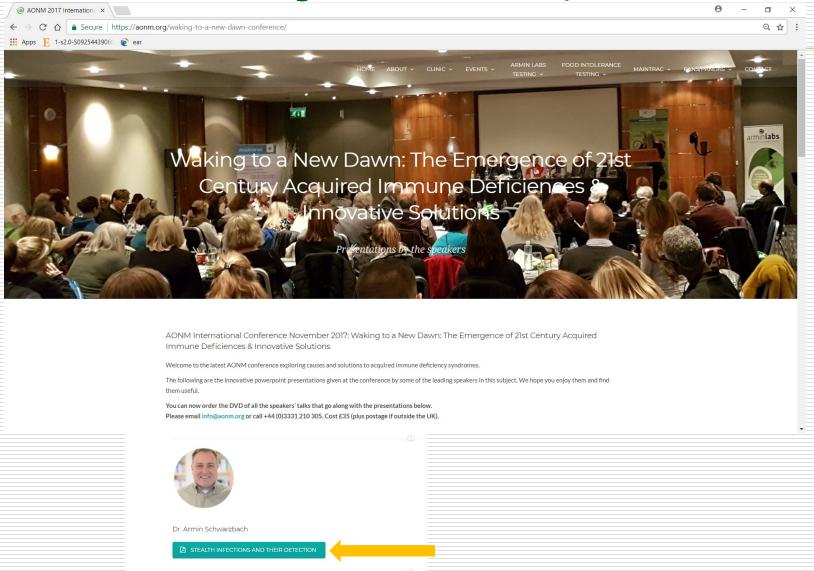
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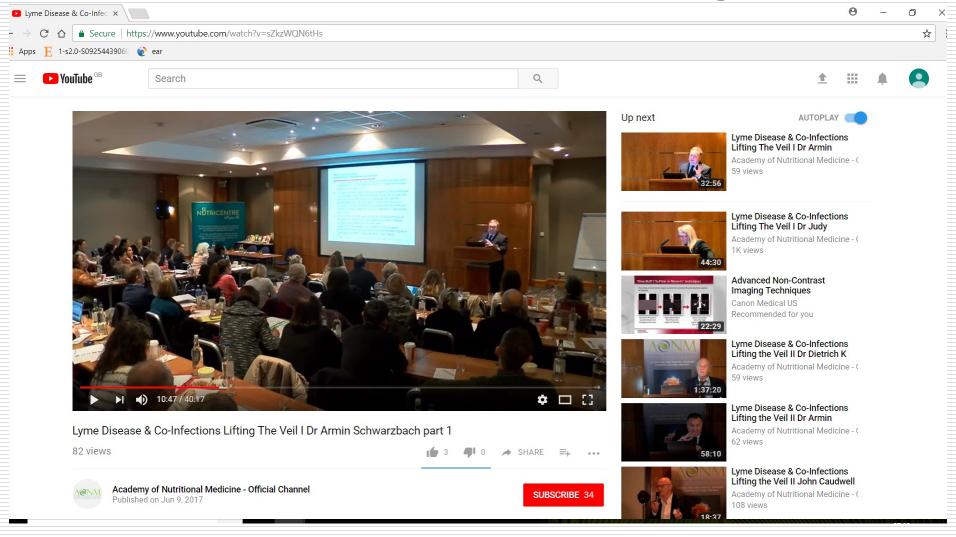


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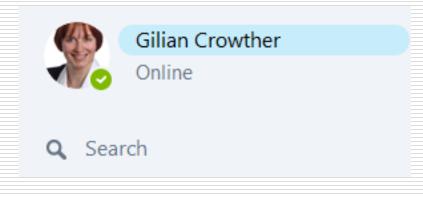


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