

AT A GLANCE

Ticks Bite and We Fight!



Our State News

By Sherry Sievewright, Board President

There is so much going on in the Lyme community, and we are thrilled to see the traction.

A new clinic has opened up in Woodruff, WI, and they are currently seeing patients. Although they have a waiting list of approximately 150, they are there, they are treating and in addition they are doing research. This is SO exciting.

The WLN is please to announce that we are planning a Gala for Winter/Spring and will be posting more information as we continue to plan. Our proceeds will be going to the new OMI & Howard Young Foundation's Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence in Woodruff to help with their research.

If you are interested at all in making any donations for either the gala's expenses, for the speaker funding or if you would like to make a donation toward the clinic, you can make donations through our website at the top navigation under "Donation". Please put a note as to where you would like your donations to go. If you would like to volunteer to help as we plan, please email us at info@wisconsinlymenetwork.org. We thank you in advance.

-Sherry

WLN, Board President

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OMI & Howard Young Foundation's Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence

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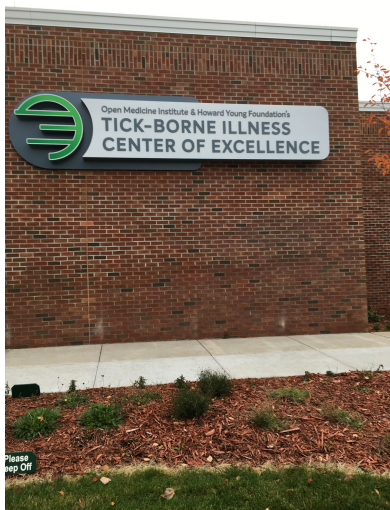
The Open Medicine Institute and the Howard Young Foundation have come together to create the Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence. This is a one-of-a-kind center that focuses on diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and research all together. There is nothing like it in our country to-date.

Currently, the Howard Young Foundation and the Women's Legacy Council, led by OMI are campaigning to raise \$3.5 million and are currently in the process of growing their staff of doctors that will be trained to diagnose, treat and follow up with Lyme patients.

The treating doctor at this time is Dr. Andreas Kogelnik, also director of the Open Medicine Institute. He has his MD from Emory University School of Medicine and also his PhD from Georgia Tech in Bioengineering. At Stanford University he was trained in internal medicine as well as infectious diseases. Dr. "Andy" Kogelnik founded the Open Medicine Institute in 2009.

If you are interested in making a donation to this new Tick-Borne Illness Center, you may send checks made out to Howard Young Foundation - Tick and mail to Howard Young Foundation, PO Box 470, Woodruff, WI, 54568

If you prefer to make an online donation to WLN for this purpose you may do so on our website and make sure to note that its for HYF-Lyme Clinic. When you make online donations to WLN, you get an immediate receipt for your records.



Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence at a Glance

Purpose:

The purpose of the center is to be the foremost center in the Midwest for identifying and treating tick-borne illnesses and advancing medical knowledge through their research.

Led by:

OMI - Open Medical Institute
Dr. Andy Kogelnik

Objectives:

*Patients to receive clear diagnosis and plan for treatment along with follow up care.

*Patients will also participate in research

*Clinicians and researchers will share information and findings in a collaborative environment.

Clinic Staff:

Dr. Andy Kogelnik, MD, PHD
Dr. Samuel Shor, MD, FACP
Connie Campbell, RN, BSN
Kathy McCaughn - Office Manager

Advisory Board:

Dr. Brian Fallon, MD
Dr. Neil Spector, MD
Dr. Samuel Shor, MD
Dr. John Aucott, MD

Address:

WI Tick-Borne Illness Center of Excellence
240 Maple St.
Woodruff, WI 54568

Hours: M-F 9-4 pm

Phone: 715-203-1616



If you are unable to give financially, won't you help with a review?

We are excited about all that is coming our way in the state of WI, in research, recognition of the disease, the press we are getting and the opportunities that will give patients hope for healing.

Therefore, if you love our work then tell the world! You have an opportunity to help us make even more of a difference in our community. GreatNonprofits-a review site like TripAdvisor-is honoring highly reviewed nonprofits. Won't you help us raise visibility for our work by posting a review of your experience with us?

All reviews will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It's easy and only takes 3 minutes!

Go to <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/wisconsin-lyme-network> to get started!

Please remember, we are all volunteers working for the good of WI residents and their struggles with Lyme disease. Many of us on the board are also patients, and we have been stepping down when ill and stepping up when we are well. If you have anything other than positive feedback, then please do not post, email us directly and let us discuss anything that is not positive directly, not through social media.

Through your donations we are hoping to be able to offer a Gala for our WI residents as well as help the Howard Young Foundation with their new Lyme Clinic. (More details to come about both the Gala and the Lyme Clinic in our newsletter in the weeks to come.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GALA! MORE DETAILS WILL BE
FOLLOWING IN THE NEXT FEW
WEEKS.

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS
DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS.

What's Happening In The Lyme Community

Bay Area Lyme Foundation

Lyme Disease Biobank Collection sites in WI:

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute (acute)

Locations: Eau Claire, Lake Hallie, Marshfield, Minocqua, Wausau, Weston

PI: Anna Schotthoefer, PhD

Make an appointment by calling 715.389.5738



Have you heard about **MyLymeData**?

Every Lyme patient should consider this as it's a way each individual can make a difference.

Please check it out.

<https://www.mylymedata.org>



Nothing is new that we need new testing, however, IGenix testing has been around for over 25 years and at the moment they are the only way to test efficiently and effectively, giving patients hope for a diagnosis. To learn more about **IGenix** and if it is right for you head on over to:

<https://igenex.com>

We get told all the time that patients have had their CDC Lyme testing done and that they tested negative. Unfortunately, there are many reasons why we say that the conventional testing is inaccurate. I will write about more of that next time. For now, just understand that IGenix has given so many patients their lives back with proper diagnosis and then seeing an ILADS medical professional that can give them proper treatment, they do get their lives back.

I am writing this to remind all of our Lyme community that, even though we are aware that there are Lyme bills up for a vote in Madison, we can take no opinion for or against them.

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit that is unable to be involved in any political stance, per our tax information when we file each year. As each individual in our group may have an opinion, that is their right as a free individual living in our country. However, that being said, each individual should represent themselves and not the WLN in any shape or form.

Using the WLN as a platform for a political view is absolutely not acceptable and highly unfortunate, as it puts our organization at risk. Many of our previous board members of late worked very hard at attaining our non-profit status to help patients and WI residents with awareness and education as well as help get doctors to properly treat. We are not an organization that has any desire to be involved in the political arena.

As President, I am pleading with everyone that has had any association with WLN in any shape or form, to please not represent the WLN in ANY way when you write your letters in opposition or in support of any legislation that takes place either statewide or at a federal level. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. As a volunteer, I cannot keep up with the cleanup that has to take place when people go rogue and do their own thing. Please help us to protect our organization by NOT using our name in any shape or form when you are dealing with ANY political stance. THE WLN TAKES NO POLITICAL POSITION ON CURRENT OR FUTURE LYME LEGISLATION. WE DO NOT SUPPORT, NOR DO WE OPPOSE.

THANK YOU!

**If you hope there won't be fear,
If you hope, there won't be tears,
Hope is a word that
believes us to do things,
Hope is a word that
propels everything,
Hope keeps us going till the end,
Hope gives us the inner strength!**

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WE HAVE PRETREATED SOCKS

Community Outreach

The Wisconsin Lyme Network has been able to partner with a company that manufactures factory bonded repellent socks.

We have women/girls socks that are more colorful and look similar to ski socks. We also have men/boys crew socks.

If you are interested, please go to our website to order them directly from our web store. If you have any questions, email us at info@wisconsinlymenetwork.org.

Remember: Prevention is key to protecting yourself.



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