

Ticks

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Tick facts

- Ticks are scientifically classified as *Arachnida* (a classification that includes spiders). The fossil record suggests ticks have been around at least 90 million years.
- Most tick bites do not transmit harmful microbes.
- There are a variety of tick-borne diseases.
- There is a wide range of symptoms that usually develop days to weeks after

the tick bite. The symptoms depend on the particular microbe that is transmitted.

- For all tick bites, local cleansing and antibiotic cream may be applied.
- There are safe and effective methods for the removal of all types of ticks. **Continue Reading**



Tick Bites Disease Symptoms

Lyme disease is caused by infection with a bacterium called a spirochete (*Borrelia burgdorferi*) and is transmitted to humans by infected ticks.

Patients with early stage Lyme disease symptoms have a characteristic rash (erythema migrans) accompanied by nonspecific symptoms (for example, fever, malaise, fatigue, headache, myalgia, and arthralgia). Lyme disease can usually be treated successfully with standard antibiotics.

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