

# Lyme Disease Association Announces that HHS Working Group Seeks Subcommittee Members



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Reports from the subcommittees will be presented to the TBDWG for that group's public deliberation. The Committees selected by the TBDWG are as follows:

1. Disease Vectors, Surveillance and Prevention (includes epidemiology of tick-borne diseases).
2. Pathogenesis, Transmission, and Treatment
3. Testing and Diagnostics (including laboratory-based diagnoses and clinical-diagnoses)
4. Access to Care Services and Support to Patients
5. Vaccine and Therapeutics

## 6. Other Tick-Borne Diseases and Co-infections

According to HHS, each subcommittee will be led by two subcommittee co-chairs. The co-chairs of each committee will work with the Working Group Chair, Vice Chair, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) and his alternate, and the other subcommittee co-chairs to align the work of the subcommittees with the goals and priorities of the Working Group and to conduct the work in a similar manner across subcommittees. It is expected that each subcommittee will have about 8-10 members, including two members who are members of the Working Group.

**From HHS: Submission Process and Deadline** Nominations will only be considered from two sources: (1) nominations that are submitted by persons who would like to serve on the subcommittee and (2) follow up with persons who previously submitted their names for consideration as members of the full Working Group. Persons who are interested in serving on a subcommittee are invited to nominate themselves by submitting an email with the necessary information from the HHS website to [tickbornedisease@hhs.gov](mailto:tickbornedisease@hhs.gov). Nominations will be accepted until midnight on January 2, 2018.

See HHS.gov and the Office of Assistant Secretary of Health for full details <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/notices/index.html>

Related links

[HHS Intentions on Tick-Borne Diseases Working Group Announced](#)

[LDA President Appointed to HHS Tick-Borne Disease Working Group](#)

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[Transcripts, Agenda, and Videos of HHS Tick-Borne Disease Working Group Meetings 1 and 2](#)

[Congressman Chris Smith Newsletter Article on HHS Working Group](#)

[“A Golden Opportunity for Change on Chronic Lyme Disease” by Jerry Carino in Asbury Park Press](#)