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Concurrent Tick-Borne Illnesses: A Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Dr. Maloney also acts as a consultant to government agencies and private organizations. She recently served on the Pathogenesis, Transmission and Treatment subcommittee of the federally mandated Tick-borne Diseases Working group. She frequently speaks to the general public on tick-borne diseases, emphasizing the need for primary and secondary prevention.

Conference Lecture Summary

The list of known tick-borne diseases has grown in the last several years and cases numbers for several of these infections are on the rise. Many of these infections are transmitted by blacklegged ticks, which are known to simultaneously harbor more than one pathogen. As such, when managing patients with a blacklegged tick-borne disease,

clinicians must consider whether these individuals have additional co-infections. This presentation uses a case study as a springboard to a literature review regarding concurrent black-legged tick-borne diseases.