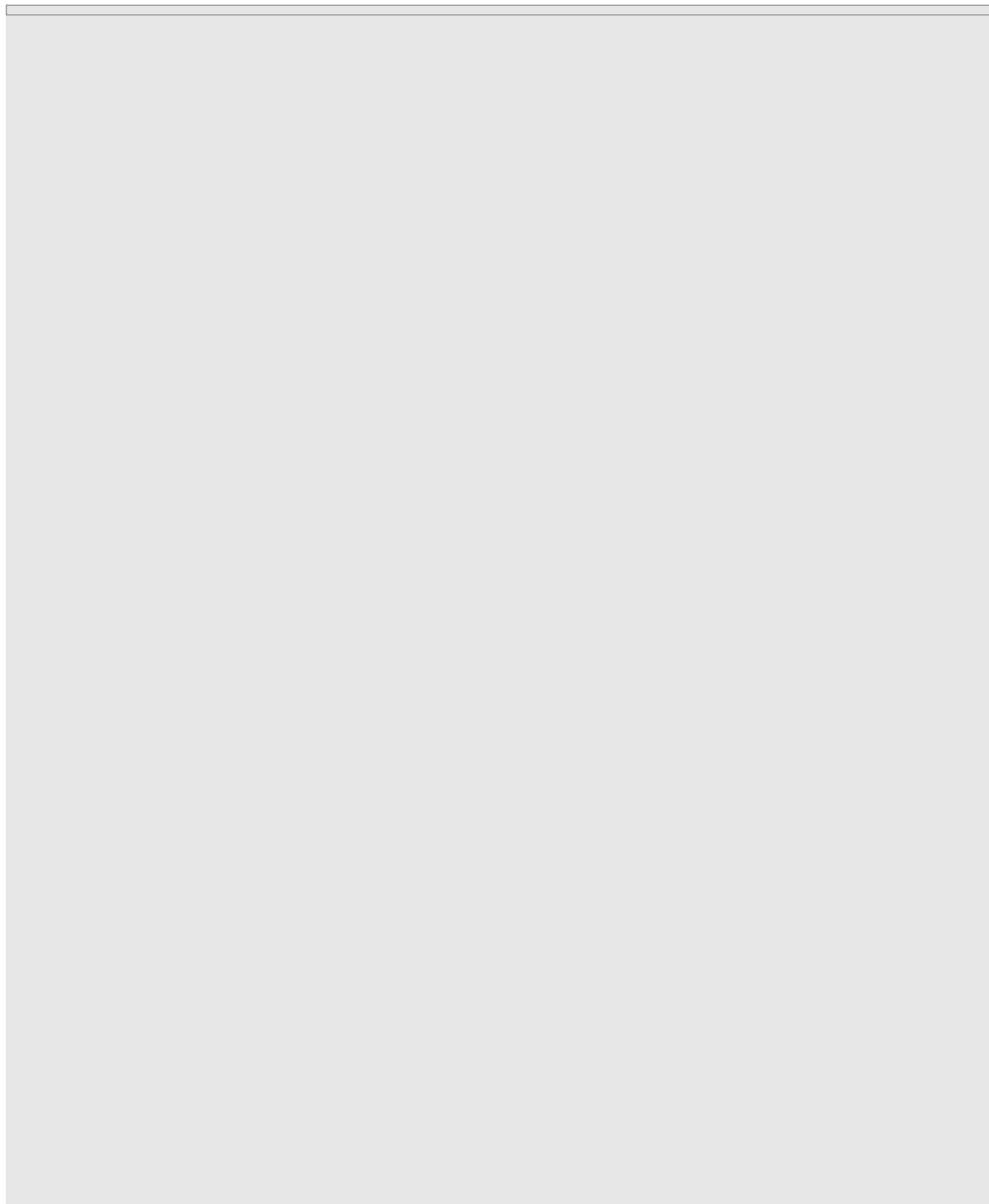


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#### Save the Date: 2018 Lyme Disease Association/Columbia Lyme Conference

The Lyme Disease Association Inc. announces that its 19th annual Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases scientific conference will be held October 27 & 28, 2018 at the landmark Marriott Providence Downtown hotel in RI. Once again, Columbia University will jointly provide this scientific conference with the LDA, and many experts will speak about aspects of Lyme disease and of other tick-borne diseases which are spreading throughout the US. The conference is geared for physicians and healthcare providers, but the public is also invited to register.

[Click here for more details](#)



#### Federal TBD Working Group Featured on NBC News NY/View Here

NBC News 4 New York aired a piece on the federal Tick-Borne Working Group, *Tri-State Helps Bring Hope to Lyme Wars Public Health Crisis*, on February 21, 2018. The video features HHS Working Group Member, LDA President Pat Smith; Lyme patient & Lyme Society, Inc. President Bob Sabatino; HHS Working Group Co-Chair & Johns Hopkins Researcher, John Aucott, MD; and other Lyme patients.

[Click here to watch the NBC clip](#)

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#### LDA Free E-Book Now Available

##### Lyme Disease Update: Science, Policy, & Law

Don't understand the Lyme issues and need a place to start? *Lyme Disease Update: Science, Policy, & Law*, published in 2004 by the Lyme Disease Association Inc. (LDA), is a resource book which summarizes the contentious issues in the prior decades of Lyme including some early legal actions. The LDA is pleased to now be able to offer an Ebook for free download.

The book is an easy-to-read history of the issues for those new to Lyme or those who want to quickly review how the issues arose and what was done to try and address them. Marcus Cohen, author, was a then noted columnist for the *Townsend Letter for Physicians & Patients*, and LDA President Pat Smith is the *Update* editor. *NY Times* Bestselling Author Amy Tan has written the Preface from her personal perspective on the difficulty of getting diagnosed and appropriately treated for Lyme disease. The Foreword is written by Brian Fallon, MD, now Director of the Columbia University Lyme and Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center.

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#### 53 Members Named to Serve on Working Group Subcommittees

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has selected 53 individuals to serve on one of six subcommittees of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group (Working Group). At the December 2017 meeting, the Working Group established these subcommittees to help in identifying and reviewing information necessary to provide background for the report to Congress and the HHS Secretary as required by the 21st Century Cures Act.

[Click here](#) for Tick-Borne Disease Working Group subcommittee members and for more info.

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