

REGISTRATION

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Lyme Disease and Mental Health Seminar
c/o Lyme Disease Association, Inc. RI Chapter
Kent Office Building; 469 Centerville Rd., Ste 206
Warwick, RI 02886

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Profession:

Psychiatrist ___ Psychologist ___ Social Worker ___

Other _____
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CE Information:

National Association of Social Workers RI Chapter approves 6 CEU's for Social Workers. Psychologists who attend this conference are eligible to receive a maximum of 6.0 CE credits.

Fee:

\$75 (rec'd by 9/10/11)

\$80 (rec'd after 9/10/11)

Registration accepted at door if space is available.

Continental Breakfast, Snack, and Lunch included.

For program information email:

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IMPLICATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

September 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bryant University

Bello Center Grand Hall

1150 Douglas Pike

Smithfield, RI 02917

Presented by Lyme Disease Association, Inc.
Rhode Island Chapter

Lyme disease is one of the fastest growing infectious diseases in the United States. Forty-percent of patients with Lyme disease develop neurological involvement, including neuropsychiatric symptoms of depression, anxiety, irritability, dysfunction in cognitive and executive functioning, sleep disorders and more, but the lack of reliable laboratory tests may make it difficult to detect. This conference will provide vital information to mental health professionals regarding the complexity of this disease and the differential diagnosis and treatment.



For many patients, the most complex symptoms, the symptoms that have the greatest impact on functioning, are the ones involving the brain, leading them to seek the

help of mental health practitioners. This program is designed to help participants understand the complex nature of this illness, and to further their ability to provide mental health care for Lyme disease patients and their families.

After completing this Seminar, the mental health practitioner will be able to:

- Assess the possibility that Lyme disease may be a co-condition for clients/patients in a mental health practice.
- Understand the value of a neuropsychological evaluation to support diagnosis, treatment and to optimize functioning.
- Understand psychiatric symptom profiles possible with Lyme disease, and obtain a basic understanding of psychopharmacological interventions for Lyme disease patients.
- Understand the relationship between chronic Lyme disease and trauma, and the use of interventions available in the field of trauma therapy.
- Develop and implement effective treatment plans for patients and families who are struggling with Lyme disease as a cause or co-condition of their psychiatric symptoms and impaired ability to function.

SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Moderator Julie Merolla, LICSW, Chair, Lyme Disease Association, Inc. Rhode Island Chapter

8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome and Introductions**
Barbara Morse Silva, WJAR TV 10

8:45-9:20 **Special Remarks**
Joseph Trunzo, Ph.D. Bryant University
Patricia Smith President, Lyme Disease Association, Inc.

9:20 – 9:30 **Lessons of Lyme**
Katie Rolin

9:30 – 10:15 **Psychotherapeutic Assessment and Treatment Planning: Is Lyme Disease a Part of the Picture?**
Sheila M Statlender, Ph.D.

10:15-10:30 Coffee

10:30 – 11:15 **Psychotherapy with Lyme Disease Patients: Moving Past Traditional Clinical Practice to Creative Treatment**
Sandy Berenbaum, LCSW, BCD

11:15 to 12:00 **A Psychiatrist's Perspective on Lyme Disease: Neuropsychiatric Manifestations and Psychopharmacology**
Robert C. Bransfield, MD, DLFAPA

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

12:45-1:00 Special Guest Congressman James Langevin

1:00 – 1:45 **Neuropsychological Testing: An Important Tool for Diagnosis and Treatment**
Judith G. Leventhal, Ph.D.

1:45-2:30 **Lyme Disease and PTSD: What's The Connection?**
Denise Lang-Grant, Ed.S, L.P.C.,

2:30-3:30 **Q & A**

SPEAKERS

SANDY BERENBAUM, LCSW, is a psychotherapist in private practice in Brewster, NY and Southbury, CT. Her background includes individual and family therapy with adolescents, adoptive families, and families with chronic illness. She's written and spoken widely on the effect of Lyme disease on children, adolescents and families. Ms. Berenbaum serves as the Children's and Mental Health Editor of the Lyme Times, and is a consultant to a special needs adoption agency in NYC.

ROBERT BRANSFIELD, MD, is in private practice in Red Bank, NJ. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, the President of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS), President Elect of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association and Clinical Associate Professor at Robert Wood Johnson-UMDNJ Medical School.

DENISE LANG-GRANT, Ed.S, L.P.C., is a licensed therapist in Bridgewater, NJ, specializing in trauma, and author of nine non-fiction books on health and other topics, including the long-running best seller, "Coping with Lyme Disease". Trained in EMDR, she is an Adjunct Professor of Counseling for Seton Hall University's Master's program, and a certified step-family coach. She runs a workshop entitled "Surviving Trauma and Healing the Spirit" for cancer survivors.

JUDITH LEVENTHAL, Ph.D., is a New York State Licensed Psychologist, practicing in New York City, with specialties in Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology and Family Therapy. She has held positions in the neurology departments of several teaching hospitals in the NY metropolitan area. She has spoken widely on the use of neuropsychological evaluations in treatment and education planning for children with disabilities, including traumatic brain injury and Lyme disease.

SHEILA STATLENDER, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist in Newton, MA., with specialties in individual and family therapy. At the Harvard Law School for sixteen years, she provided counseling and addressed issues of gender and diversity, and also served as a member of the Boston Bar Association Task Force on Work-Life Balance. Among her Lyme presentations, Dr. Statlender has examined the role of the psychotherapist in the patient's treatment team, and has expertise regarding creative educational approaches for students with chronic illness.