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*For immediate release*

May is Lyme Disease Awareness month and it is time for our 2nd annual celebration of Lyme Disease Awareness! This year we will be screening the sequel to the movie from last year "Under Our Skin 2: Emergence".

This is a FREE screening with a recommended donation of \$1.00 per person.

"Academy Award semifinalist UNDER OUR SKIN brought unprecedented awareness to the shocking story of Lyme disease, an often-chronic condition many doctors claimed was "all in your head." Since then, the CDC has upped its estimate of annual cases by ten times, making Lyme disease more prevalent than HIV and breast cancer combined. This highly-anticipated sequel investigates the deepening Lyme disease crisis and follows its casualties and controversies. As the Lyme epidemic explodes globally, scandalous medical collusions and conflicts of interest incriminate the very healthcare systems meant to protect us. Despite the obstacles that researchers, physicians and patients continue to face, promising new findings are emerging. And when we revisit the unforgettable characters from UNDER OUR SKIN, we see that they have moved from horror to hope, arriving at better health and reclaiming their lives."-Open Eye Pictures.

**We will be showing the FREE movie at three locations:**

LaPorte County Public Library  
**May 14, 2015**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm**

Michigan City Public Library  
**May 20, 2015**  
**4:00pm-5:00pm**

Liberty Bible Church  
(old LaPorte movie theatre)  
608 Colfax  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
**Friday May 29, 2014**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
Q&A Session following with Dr. Kimberly  
J. Lentz, M.D., Zionsville, IN

Please join us for one of the FREE community events at a location near you. Please bring any questions you have for Dr. Lentz to the Liberty Bible Church on Friday May 29, 2015. Discussion will start promptly at 7:00pm. Continued successful events will help us bring current up to date, relevant, important information in caring for you or your loved one suffering from this debilitating disease. Please come and help spread the word.

The LaPorte County Health Department continues to do FREE blood draws for basic Lyme Disease testing. Basic Lyme panel is \$210 which is due before the blood draw. The blood draw is free, the testing which is done at IGeneX Laboratory is not free. LPCHD utilizes IGeneX Inc. Reference Laboratories' test kits. IGeneX, Inc.

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is a specialty immunology laboratory and research facility, providing personalized service to over 1,000 private practice physicians, hospitals, and other clinical reference laboratories throughout the U.S. and Canada. Igenex not only offers Lyme testing but many of its' co-infections as well. [www.igenex.com](http://www.igenex.com). The LPCHD will ship the blood sample to Igenex laboratory for your desired test(s). Charges for the tests will be paid prior to blood draw and can be paid with a credit card, money order or check made out to Igenex. A consultation with a medical doctor is recommended but a doctor's order for the test is not necessary. Patient is responsible for all charges and for billing their own insurance or Medicaid. Igenex will bill Medicare. Test kits may also be picked up and taken to a family physician free of charge. A waiver is required to be signed by patient releasing LPCHD from all liability of diagnosis, treatment, insurance claims, and sample mishandling.

Please call Cynthia Ebert, Lab Technician, for an appointment at 219-326-6808 ext. 2429.

Lyme disease is often mis-diagnosed and under treated due to the complicated nature of the borrelia burgdorfi bacteria. This is the bacteria responsible for debilitating and crippling many people without them ever getting a proper diagnosis and/or accurate treatment. Often referred to as "The Great Imitator", due to its ability to imitate many other conditions, illnesses, and diseases, borrelia affects the organs in the body, including brain and nervous system, muscles and joints. Main symptoms, but not even close to all the symptoms of Lyme disease are rash (NOT necessarily a bull's eye shaped rash) fever, headache, stiff neck and joints, body aches, and fatigue. Symptoms can come and go, and migrate back and forth to different parts of the body.

Tick bite prevention is the best method to avoid a tick borne illness. Wear long pants, long sleeves, long socks, hat, light colored clothing, spray permetherin on clothing, use 20%-30% deet when heading outdoors, avoid wooded grassy areas, check for ticks often, shower thoroughly after being outdoors, learn how to properly remove a tick.

More information can be found at [www.lymediseaseassociation.org](http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org).

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