

## Reference Center of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Croatia for the Diagnosis of Syphilis and Lyme Disease

In October 2003, the Laboratory of Clinical Immunology, Immunofluorescence and Serologic Diagnosis of the Department of Dermatology and Venerology, Zagreb University Hospital Center, has been appointed the Reference Center for the Diagnosis of Syphilis and Lyme Disease. At the Laboratory, founded in 1923, along with the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb School of Medicine, many scientific research studies, master of science and doctoral dissertations dealing with syphilis and Lyme disease have been performed. Continuous introduction of appropriate diagnostic methods consistent with those employed in other European countries has resulted in the practice that

has always been in concordance with current concepts in the world. Besides diagnosis, special attention has been paid to the correlation between laboratory results and relevant clinical data, and to ensuring appropriate therapeutic options.

You are invited to contact Reference Center of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in all doubtful situations, and to report any new case of either disease.

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