



**Ontario
Podiatric
Medical
Association**

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Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, MPP,
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care,
10th Floor, Hepburn Block,
80 Grosvenor St
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister,

I am writing to register our support for the Motion approved by the Ontario Legislature on November 27 to devise an Action Plan for Lyme Disease in Ontario and to offer our assistance in the development of that Plan.

For some time, podiatrists who practise in areas that are endemic for Lyme in the United States have been identifying tick bites and the symptoms of Lyme disease and have been treating the many manifestations of the disease that occur on the foot, ankle and lower limbs. Podiatrists in Ontario are now finding themselves in the same situation. The information for healthcare practitioners on your Ministry's website is, quite frankly, inadequate and Ontario podiatrists are having to rely on health care practitioner information provided by US and other authorities in order to best advise and assist our patients.

Accordingly, the Lyme initiative is very timely and we congratulate you and your fellow MPPs in the Legislature for this initiative. We very much look forward to your tabling of the Action Plan in the Legislature in a year.

Yours sincerely,

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President

cc Mike Mantha, MPP,
Ontario Lyme Alliance