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Jim Wilson, President and founder of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, is himself a victim of Lyme disease and the father of victims of Lyme disease. Janet Sperling is a trained entomologist whose 15 year-old son fell desperately ill. After months without a clear diagnosis, she and her husband confronted the possibility of Lyme disease. Jim and Janet discuss the serious challenges that Lyme disease creates for children, adults, family caregivers and families. They describe most important things that family caregivers, families, and family members should know about the disease, and where th

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Janet Sperling

Janet Sperling was trained as an entomologist, which is when she first learned about Lyme disease. After completing an MSc on the physiology of beetles, she took time off to raise 4 boys. When the oldest in 2004 fell desperately ill at the age of 15, she was faced with the prospect of caring for a severely ill teenager as well as his three younger brothers. After nine months with no clear diagnosis, she and her husband decided to explore the possibility of Lyme disease. The treatment that followed the diagnosis allowed their son to return to his former good health. Intrigued by the challenges and complexity of the diagnosis, she now volunteers as a board member for the Canadian Lyme Disease

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Jim Wilson

Jim Wilson is President and founder of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, is himself a victim of Lyme disease and is the father of victims of Lyme disease. He's been involved in networking with Lyme victims and providing them with scientific information for over 15 years. His background in the investigation of medical malpractice and legal liability has given him insight into medical research. In the medical research on Lyme disease he found conflict of evidence and conflict of interest. Both of these, he says, are rife within the medical industry.

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