

## Ehrlichiosis

Ehrlichiosis is the general name used to describe diseases caused by the bacteria *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, *E. ewingii*, or *E. muris eauclairensis* in the United States. These bacteria are spread to people primarily through the bite of infected ticks including the lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) and the blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*).

People with ehrlichiosis will often have fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and sometimes upset stomach. Doxycycline is the treatment of choice for adults and children of all ages with ehrlichiosis.

To learn more about this disease, including symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, as well as statistics and epidemiology, visit the [Ehrlichiosis](#) section of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

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