

infection in the United States and Asia (A2 virus).

FROM: Specter M. Flu epidemic hits millions in Ukraine and Russia. *New York Times*. December 28, 1995:A7.

Ehrlichiosis Outbreak Among Golfers

Ehrlichiosis due to *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* usually occurs sporadically or in small clusters; the principal vector is the Lone Star tick. An outbreak of ehrlichiosis was reported recently among members of a golf-oriented retirement community (community A) in Tennessee. The community is densely wooded and borders a wildlife-management area where deer are numerous. Investigation revealed 11 cases of symptomatic ehrlichiosis, 10 of which were in community A. Of 311 surveyed residents in community A, 12.5% had serologic evidence of past *E chaffeensis* infection, as compared to 3.3% of 92 residents in another golf-oriented community 20 miles away (community B). The risk of infection was associated with tick bites, expo-

sure to wildlife, and golfers who had retrieved lost golf balls from the rough. Persons who never used insect repellent were more likely to have had infection than persons who did. In community A, thousands of Lone Star ticks were found; in community B, only three ticks were found.

Human ehrlichiosis, one of several recently emerging infections, was first described in the United States in 1987, with more than 400 cases reported since that time. The researchers concluded that the high rate of *E chaffeensis* infection in community A resulted from its proximity to a wildlife reserve; when outdoor activities are common and concentrations of ticks are high, outbreaks of arthropod-borne zoonoses can be anticipated.

FROM: Standaert SM, Dawson JE, Schaffner W, et al. Ehrlichiosis in a golf-oriented retirement community. *N Engl J Med* 1995;333:420-425.

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