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# Louse-Borne Relapsing Fever

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An infection that is caused by certain species of *Rickettsia* or *Borrelia*, which are transmitted to humans from infected lice; it is characterized by sudden fever, chills, headaches, myalgia, arthralgia, nausea, and possibly a rash. Symptoms usually persist for two to nine days, then disappear, with recurrence after several weeks if the patient remains untreated.