

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)



Can Be Deadly



RMSF is spread by the bite of an infected tick.



RMSF symptoms include a fever with

- Headache
- Upset stomach
- Rash (may occur later in illness)



See your healthcare provider immediately if you develop a fever

- after being bitten by a tick
 - after spending time in areas with ticks
- Remember, you may not know you have been bitten by a tick.

Doxycycline saves lives!

- Best treatment for suspected RMSF in children and adults
- Treatment needed early when RMSF is suspected
- Does NOT cause tooth staining in children when used to treat RMSF



Prevent tick bites

- Check for ticks on people and pets daily
- Wear insect repellent
- Treat pets for ticks



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For more information about RMSF
and doxycycline, visit our website:
www.cdc.gov/rmsf