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 repellant
• Treat pets for ticks

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