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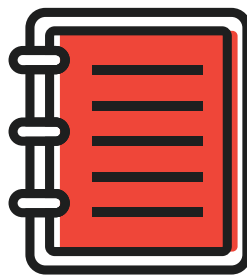
is a global campaign for ME health equality

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) or ME/CFS, is a devastating multi-system disease that causes dysfunction of the neurological, immune, endocrine and energy metabolism systems.

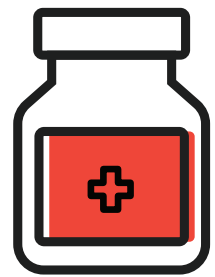
WE DEMAND the following from the NIH and Congress:



A Diagnostic
Test



Clinical
Trials



Treatments

TO DO THIS we need more funding.

We demand that the government make a serious commitment to urgently address this disease, including substantially ramping up research and drug development and promoting appropriate clinical care for 1 to 2.5 million Americans with ME/CFS.

#MillionsMissing | #CanYouSeeMEnow?

Learn more and help our fight at: millionsmissing.org



FACTS ABOUT ME/CFS

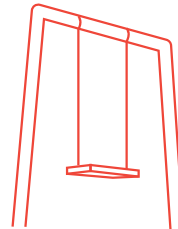
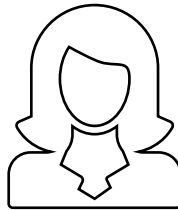
Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

WHO IS AT RISK?



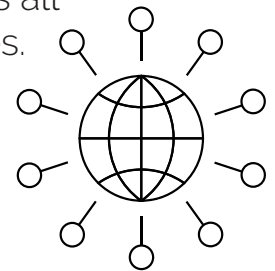
Affects between
1 to 2.5 million
Americans.

More prevalent in
women than men,



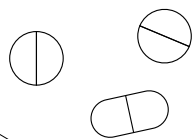
Seen in children
as young as five.

Affects all
races.

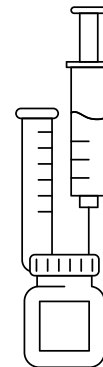


WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?

There are no
FDA-approved
treatments.



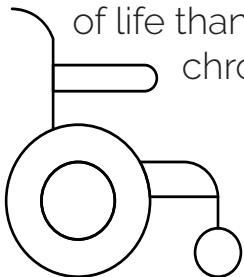
Some medications
may be able to
help symptoms.



Experimental therapies
have helped some
patients, including
antivirals and
immunomodulatory
drugs.

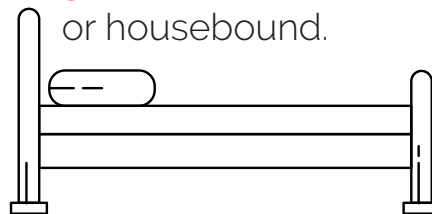
HOW SERIOUS IS THE DISEASE?

Sufferers have a lower quality
of life than patients with many
chronic illnesses.



75-85%
of patients are
not able to work.

and **25%** are bedbound
or housebound.



Recovery is rare,
**estimated at
just 5%**, leaving
patients sick for
years, even
decades.

WHAT DOES IT COST OUR COUNTRY?

ME/CFS has a large personal and societal cost,

\$17-24 BILLION

in estimated medical expenses
and lost productivity due to
patients' inability to work.