



Important Quotes about Myalgic Encephalomyelitis

- “In my experience, (ME/CFS) is one of the most disabling diseases that I care for, far exceeding HIV disease except for the terminal stages.” — Dr. Daniel Peterson (Introduction to Research and Clinical Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, October 1994; published in JCFS 1995:1:3-4:123-125)
- “I split my clinical time between the two illnesses, and I can tell you if I had to choose between the two illnesses [in 2009] I would rather have H.I.V. But C.F.S., which impacts a million people in the United States alone, has had a small fraction of the research dollars directed towards it.” — Dr. Nancy Klimas, AIDS and CFS researcher and clinician, University of Miami (“[Readers Ask: A Virus Linked to Chronic Fatigue Syndrome](#),” [New York Times](#), October 15, 2009)
- “Fatigue is what we experience, but it is what a match is to an atomic bomb.” — Laura Hillenbrand, award-winning author of *Seabiscuit* and *Unbroken* and ME patient ([NYT](#), “[An Author Escapes From Chronic Fatigue Syndrome](#),” February 4, 2011)
- “The whole idea that you can take a disease like this and exercise your way to health is foolishness. It is insane.” — Dr. Paul Cheney, CFS researcher and clinician (comment made at the Invest in ME conference in May 2010)
- “Hopefully one day, my dream is that our medical community will produce a formal apology to the patients that—not having believed them all these years—they are facing a real illness.” — Dr. Jose Montoya, CFS researcher and clinician, Stanford University (during a lecture on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome at Stanford University on March 3, 2011)
- “We’ve documented, as have others, that the level of functional impairment in people who suffer from CFS is comparable to multiple sclerosis, AIDS, end-stage renal failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The disability is equivalent to that of some well-known, very severe medical conditions.” – Dr. William Reeves, former CDC Chief of Viral Diseases Branch ([2006 CDC Press Conference](#))
- “It’s amazing to me that anyone can look at these patients and not see that this is an infectious disease that has ruined lives.” – Dr. Judy Mikovits, Medical Director of the Whittemore-Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease (“[A Case of Chronic Denial](#),” [New York Times](#), October 20, 2009)