

# #MILLIONS MISSING

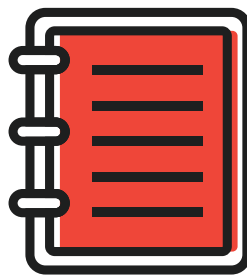
is a global campaign for ME health equality

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.

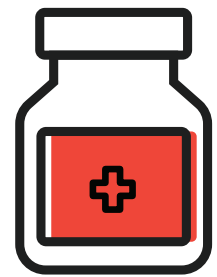
**WE DEMAND** the following from the NIH and Congress:



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](https://millionsmissing.org)



# FACTS ABOUT ME/CFS

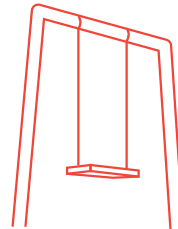
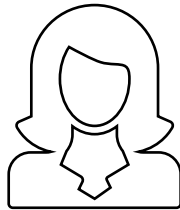
Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

## WHO IS AT RISK?



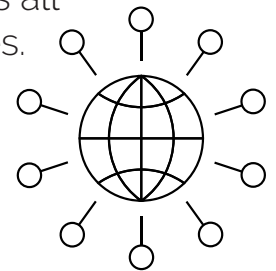
Affects between  
**1 to 2.5 million**  
Americans.

More prevalent in  
women than men,



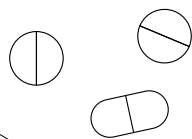
Seen in children  
as young as five.

Affects all  
races.

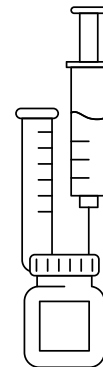


## WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?

There are no  
FDA-approved  
treatments.



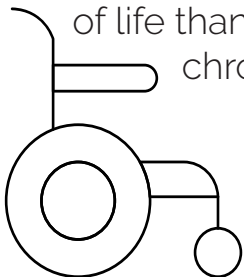
Some medications  
may be able to  
help symptoms.



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

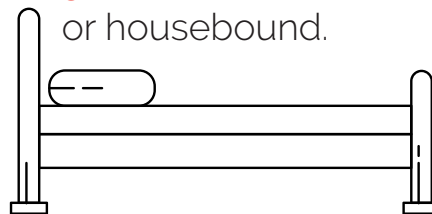
## HOW SERIOUS IS THE DISEASE?

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.