

It does not take a rocket scientist . . .

to diagnose this disease. You treat the symptoms and study the patients and eventually you'll find the answers. I'm lucky... I can tolerate many meds like klonopin and tramadol and ambien. Those 3 meds alone improved my life immensely. I even tried acupuncture for pain but that failed except that it stopped my constant dizziness. Go figure but I'll take it. Others can't tolerate meds, they REALLY need to be studied. Is anyone?

I got sick at 44 and these good things happened along the way to where I am now - 75. Now I'm battling aging issues on top of having ME/FM like neuropathy, and other neurological conditions. My husband passed 2 years ago so I live alone.

An acquaintance who is severely ill but took care of her mother until her death recently is so cognitively ill that her family treats her like the village idiot instead of trying to help her. Why? Because for some reason in the 30+ years since so many of us got ill, the word did not get out that CFS is a real disease. FM is now more acceptable because of all the ads on TV.

People responsible for helping us have fallen down on the job and apparently that is going to continue. If I have my mother's longevity (she passed at 93) I may have another 10 years or so. If things continue the way they have been, we will be no closer to help for these million or more people with ME/FM. They will continue to die off because nobody can help them.

Why? Because nobody really cares - at least the people who supposedly were charged with the responsibility of helping us. We don't even have a national advocacy group where a person can get a brochure that says what our disease is like. Why is that? Nobody cares enough to make it happen. Nobody is the government that controls the minds of people whose job is to get a paycheck and that's about it.

I'll get a new body when I meet my maker but I wouldn't want to be in the shoes of people who were supposed to be helping us and didn't when they meet their maker. We have the Klimas's, Lapps, Peterson, etc. but the ones who make research possible with enough \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ are only concerned about their paycheck.

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