Summary of Activities Related to ME/CFS Workforce Development

After 2015 IOM Report

Interagency ME/CFS Workgroup Meeting
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How We Conducted Activities

- **Audience**
  - Healthcare Providers
    - Primary Care, Pediatrics, Nursing Professionals
    - Residents and Medical Students
  - Public Health Professionals
  - General Public
  - Patients and Caregivers

- **Channel**
  - Continuing Education, Public Health Grand Rounds, Peer-Review Publications, CDC Website, Roundtable Meetings
Public Health Grand Rounds

- Unique CDC forum to educate healthcare providers and public health professionals
- Used to introduce IOM clinical case definition and review knowledge about ME/CFS
- Included CME, publication in MMWR, and “Beyond the Data” clip

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm655051a4.htm
Continuing Medical Education

- Medscape Partnership—Three CME courses with over 42,000 learners
  - Roundtable—Diagnosing Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: The Experts Weigh In
  - ME/CFS: Case-Based Learning
  - ME/CFS: Test your strength and knowledge gaps

- Medscape Expert Commentary

- MedEd Portal publication

- CMEs sponsored through professional organizations
  - National Association of School Nurses
  - Georgia Chapter American Association of Pediatrics

- Assistance to third party websites
  - Discussion with UptoDate, Mayo Clinic, U Pittsburgh EMS Module
Facilitating Knowledge Sharing

- Roundtable meetings 2016 and 2018
- Engage government, patient advocates, professional medical organizations, research groups in dialogue
  - ME/CFS case definition
  - Health educational materials (patient and provider toolkits)
- ME/CFS Stakeholder Engagement Communications (SEC) Calls
  - Ongoing since 2012, 2-3 calls per year
CDC ME/CFS Website—English and Spanish

- Section for ME/CFS in Children
- Section for Healthcare Professionals
- Voice of the Patient Series
- ME/CFS International Awareness Day—CDC Features
  - CDC Public Health Matters Blog
  - Our Global Voices Blog
- Public Service Announcement Video
- Two clinician videos on diagnosing and managing ME/CFS