

March 10 Seminar: kNOw MORE!

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Until there is no more chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), it's vitally important for patients, caregivers and clinicians to know more about this illness. Please plan to join us in New Jersey on Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. for a seminar comprised of three topical sessions on CFS. The seminar will be held at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at One Robert Wood Johnson Place in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The CFIDS Association is collaborating with the New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association (NJCFSA) on this special joint program combining the CFIDS Association's kNOw MORE CFS seminar series and the spring conference of the NJCFSA.

The conference will start with a session on the national CFS public awareness campaign sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CFIDS Association of America. Registrants will have the opportunity to hear a campaign update from CFIDS Association president and CEO Kimberly McCleary and to see campaign components like the TV and radio PSAs, print ads, online banner ads, patient brochure, CFS toolkit for medical professionals, major press coverage and the acclaimed CFS photo exhibit called "The Faces of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome." This compelling exhibit features the portraits and stories of CFS patients, family members and health care professionals. Two of the participants in the photo exhibit, Jacqueline Niederle and Brian Bernard, will also speak at this session about the power of personal advocacy.

Nancy Klimas, MD, of the University of Miami School of Medicine, will provide an update on the current CFS research landscape, with particular attention to research presented at the 8th International Association for CFS Conference in Ft. Lauderdale in January. Dr. Klimas, an internationally known expert on CFS, will help seminar participants understand the significance of new research findings.

Alan Pocinki, MD, the speaker for the clinical session, practices in Washington, DC, where he treats both CFS and FM patients in his general medical practice. He will discuss how to work with a clinician to develop individualized treatment programs to accommodate the considerable variability in CFS symptom expression, in symptom severity and in the efficacy of specific treatment protocols. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at George Washington University.

A joint question-and-answer forum will follow the presentations, allowing participants to interact with speakers, ask questions and learn practical information about CFS and FM and how to manage these medical conditions.

Tickets for the seminar are \$30 if purchased by March 2, \$35 if purchased after this deadline or at the door. Seating is limited so preregistration is encouraged. (Our most recent kNOw MORE program sold out with 280 participants!) To receive a brochure with complete details and a registration form, please send an e-mail to cfids@cfids.org with the subject line "KNOW MORE", call 704-364-0466 or visit <http://www.cfids.org/ecommerce/products.asp?setCategory=6> to purchase tickets online.

Hope to see you there!

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