

## IACFS/ME Fatigue Journal: Update and Editorial Board Outreach

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Our quarterly journal, *Fatigue: Biomedicine, Health and Behavior*, published by Taylor and Francis) is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of successful publishing <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rftg20#.V3-V3lzWM9>

About 50% of our scientific articles are focused on CFS/ME. I have heard from several CFS/ME researchers that it is still difficult to get CFS/ME papers published in mainstream journals. As such, they often turn to our journal which welcomes their research and clinical submissions. More generally, fatigue as a scientific topic is increasingly recognized as an important clinical phenomenon for biomedical study with respect to causation, pathophysiology and treatment. Notably, it appears that the US National Institutes of Health may be preparing a new broad-based funding initiative that recognizes the importance of fatigue in illness, including ME/CFS. Our journal will be well-positioned to benefit from any upsurge in fatigue research.

For CFS/ME studies, our recently published 2016 articles have covered a broad array of subjects including titles such as: The biological challenge of ME/CFS: a solvable problem (Edwards et al; editorial); A comparative polysomnography analysis of sleep in healthy controls and patients with CFS (Gotts et al.); Case definitions integrating empiric and consensus perspectives (Jason et al.) and, Current therapeutic strategies for ME/CFS: results of an online survey (Deftereos et al.). We also have published a number of contributions on the contentious issue of case definitions, given the differing criteria published by the Institute of Medicine, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and two Canadian-sponsored groups.

Among other topics covered in recent issues are: Fatigue in World Trade Center 9/11 responders; development of a new fatigue scale; and objective indicators of fatigue. Regarding medical journal databases, our author-supported free access articles are listed on PubMed. Also, our Medline application is underway for which we expect a decision early next year.

### Editorial Board

We are looking for new members for our editorial board whose primary responsibility is to review papers submitted to the journal. Service on our editorial board requires three reviews a year. The editorial board is international and multi-disciplinary with professionals specializing in biomedical and behavioral aspects of ME/CFS, fatigue in illness, occupational fatigue, and sports and athletic fatigue. Current members are listed on this link:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=rftg20>

If you are a researcher and/or a clinician with a publishing track record in the peer review literature, and would like to be considered for the editorial board, please send a cover letter and CV to me (journal editor) at: [fred.friedberg@stonybrookmedicine.edu](mailto:fred.friedberg@stonybrookmedicine.edu) Applications and inquiries are welcome.