

I have had this disease for 25 years. I fear for my children and grandchildren. The CFSAC must continue to monitor the unraveling of the mysteries of this complex disorder. We know that people can die from this. We need to know why. We need to know why peoples lives are ruined as was mine and so many others that I know.

We were filled with hope when we heard of the work by the WP Institute. Be sure to include an update from them and from the National Cancer Institute.

In light of what we are learning of late, it is imperative for this committee to meet more than twice a year. Look at what can occur during that time period. The discovery of a possible retrovirus' link to CFS and cancer, knowing the seriousness that this discovery can mean, the Canadians have disallowed PWCs from donating blood, the CAA is already developing a Biobank similar to the one that the WP Institute developed first. And now I hear that Australia is also going to forbid any PWCs from donating blood.

There is so much to be worked out. I watched the last CFSAC meeting as much as I could and there is so very much that has to be considered for those of us who had lives of meaning and contributed not only with our lives but our income to the tax structure. Look at how many other people are left without a way to work and contribute as well.

Do you not care? If you live long enough (I won't) you will live to regret that more wasn't done sooner. That will be on your collective heads.

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