

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee  
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Madams and Sirs,

My name is Reverend Allyson K. Day and I am completely disabled with CFS and Fibromyalgia. I want to alert you to a situation in Atlanta, Georgia that is unconscionable and a serious risk to those who also suffer from this disease. Although the CDC is located in Atlanta and the renowned Emory Teaching Hospital is located here, not one Doctor will test or treat CFS. When I contacted the Rheumatology department at Emory I was told that no doctor would see me for either issues, even though I was referred to them. Not one other Rheumatologist in the city will see me. I want to meet with a cardiologist because I experience crippling symptoms that are similar to Post Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome. Atlanta is a wasteland for those who suffer with CFS.

While I was a patient at Grady Hospital, the large city hospital for indigent care, the doctors, trained at Emory, were taught nothing about CFS or Fibro. I even tried to get the CDC together with the Emory director of students. I don't know if either followed through. Even though I have been able to receive disability, the Judge and physical adjudicator at my hearing were knowledgeable, the doctors in Atlanta lack any motivation for study or treating those of us that go to them.

Please note that the absence of care or concern, the backward attitudes, and out right derision from those who should know better is undeniably, outrageously and willfully unchecked. Can you address this issue in your meeting?

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Blessings,  
Rev. Allyson K. Day

"Know how to rank beliefs not by according to their plausibility but by the harm they may cause."  
-Nassim Nicholas Taleb, Black Swan, The Impact of the Highly Improbable.

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