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My concerns about the direction of public policy and CFS research are as follows:

The actual funding on CFS is \$4/per patient, as compared to \$300/per patient for asthma and \$2700/per patient for AIDS. That's just enough to buy each patient a "Get Well" card.

The need for increased funding is obvious. The current focus is skewed toward psychological instead of clinical research.

The public is ignorant and skeptical of CFS as a legitimate disease. There is little agreement in the medical community on what CFS actually is. Considering the advances in genetic and antiviral research into the disease it is surprising that more money isn't allocated for these avenues of study.

The economic impact on an individual, family, and national level is underestimated, as the rate of diagnosis and treatment is a small percentage of the actual number of sufferers.

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