

Yderligere kommentarer vedrørende høring om funktionelle lidelser d. 19 marts 2014.

Jeg synes at det er ret ironisk, at der samme dag, hvor man i Danmark havde høring om funktionelle lidelser, herunder ME, var følgende symposium om ME på Stanford University:

2014 STANFORD MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS/CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME SYMPOSIUM

Advances in Clinical Care and Translational Research

March 19, 2014 – 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Li KaShing Center for Learning and Knowledge, Stanford, California

STATEMENT OF NEED

This CME Symposium seeks to fulfill the need in the medical and re- search community to increase the awareness that Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) is a physical condition and real disease. With this activity we hope to impact the fund of knowledge that will optimize the medical care of ME/CFS patients by providing tools and resources from keynote speakers in proper diagnosis, evaluation and management of the ME/CFS patient, as well as spark new ideas for further research. The symposium will utilize lectures, videos of patient interviews, panel discussion, and audience interactive systems to present time-tested information and update attendees in current research findings in ME/CFS at Stanford University.

TARGET AUDIENCE This course is designed for primary care physicians, family physicians, internists, cardiologists, neurologists, infectious disease, psychiatrists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, researchers and interested allied health professionals who manage patients with chronic fatigue syndrome.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify patients with ME/CFS and diagnose using Fukuda criteria.
- Incorporate new research findings in ME/CFS into the clinical practice and clinical research, employing current biomarkers.
- Differentiate ME/CFS from psychological and psychiatric illnesses and manage CFS patient adequately

<http://chronicfatigue.stanford.edu/documents/ChronicFatigueSyndromeCME2014-FORMS-r3a.pdf>

I forlængelse af ovennævnte Symposium, blev der også afholdt følgendeKonference:

IACFS/ME 11th Biennial International Research and Clinical Conference

Translating Science into Clinical Care

March 20-23, 2014 • San Francisco, California, USA.

Integrative conference themes will focus on fatigue, post-exertional malaise, pain, sleep, pediatrics, cognition, and brain function in CFS/ME and Fibromyalgia.

<http://www.iacfsme.org/Conferences/2014Conference/tabid/532/Default.aspx>

For de som ikke er inde i forskningsverdenen er Stanford et af verdens ypperste forskningsuniversiteter med meget høj kvalitet i deres resultater. Der er absolut ingen grund til at betvivle Stanfords troværdighed, så det er altså klokkeklart at ME (og fibromyalgi)ikke er funktionelle lidelser.

Så mens Per Fink forsvarede at ME er en funktionel lidelse i Folketinget, kunne han være taget til Californien og have fået forståelse for hvorfor ME ikke er en funktionel lidelse. Han kunne også være blevet meget klogere på hvordan ME-patienter skal diagnosticeres og behandles.

Jeg undrer mig såre over, at FFL kan være ansvarlig for behandling af ME-patienter i Danmark. Og hvordan kan de få lov til at ændre en ME-diagnose til en psykiatrisk diagnose med fare for patienternes liv?

Hvorfor har man ikke sørget for at sende sundhedspersonale til konferencen, så Danmark kunne blive rustet til at bekæmpe denne alvorlige sygdom?

Denne underlige konstruktion, som kaldes funktionelle lidelser, koster desværre menneskeliv, så jeg håber Sundhedsudvalget handler nu.

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