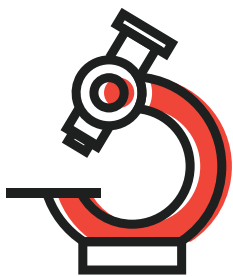


# #MILLIONS MISSING

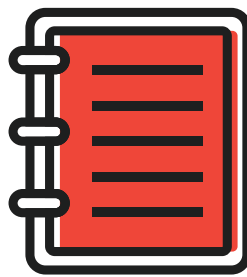
is a global campaign for ME health equality

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), sometimes called Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), is a devastating multi-system disease that causes dysfunction of the neurological, immune, endocrine and energy metabolism systems.

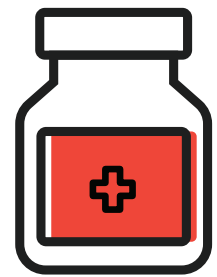
**WE REQUEST** the following from the European Commission:



A Diagnostic  
Test



Clinical  
Trials



Treatments

**TO DO THIS** we need more funding.

We request that the EU Commission make a serious commitment to urgently address this disease, including funding biomedical research and drug development and promoting appropriate clinical care for approximately 2 million EU citizens with ME.

#MillionsMissing | #CanYouSeeMEnow?

Learn more and help our fight at: [millionsmissing.org](https://millionsmissing.org)



# FACTS ABOUT ME

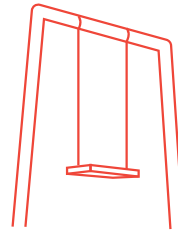
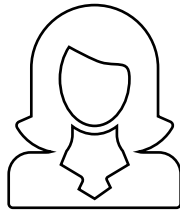
## Myalgic Encephalomyelitis

### WHO IS AT RISK?



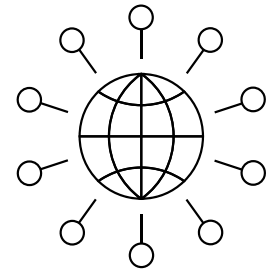
Affects approximately **2 million** people in the EU.

More prevalent in women than men.



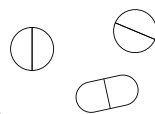
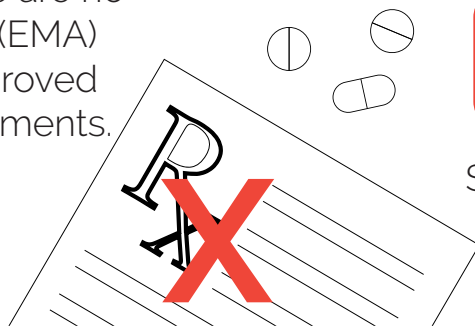
Seen in children as young as five.

Affects all ethnicities, ages, and genders.

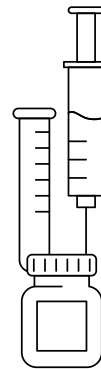


### WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?

There are no EU (EMA) approved treatments.



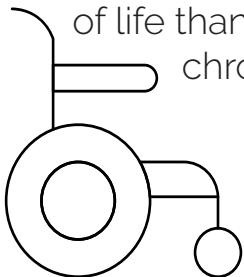
Some medications may be able to help symptoms.



Experimental therapies appear to have helped some people, including antivirals and immunomodulatory drugs.

### HOW SERIOUS IS THE DISEASE?

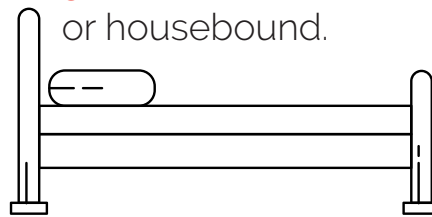
Sufferers have a lower quality of life than patients with many chronic illnesses.



**75-85%**

of patients are not able to work

and **25%** are bedbound or housebound.



Recovery is rare, **estimated at just 5%**, leaving patients sick for years, even decades.

### WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT?

ME has a large personal and societal cost; however, no data is available for the EU. Data from the US estimates the cost between **\$17-24 BILLION** in medical expenses and lost productivity due to patients' inability to work – and there are even more people with ME in the EU.