

**MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS / CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME** is a common, debilitating and costly disease. Diagnosing and managing complex chronic conditions such as this is not easy with a 15-minute consultation but this article, by Cathy Stephenson and Rose Silvester, provides a framework of evidence-based information for GPs working with patients with ME/CFS.



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## HOW MUCH DO YOU ALREADY KNOW?

#### Try this quiz

- **1.** There is a biomarker currently available that can confirm or refute a diagnosis of ME/CFS.
  - **True / False**

**4.** ME/CFS is a leading cause of long-term school absence. True / False

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2. Post-exertional malaise is an increase in symptoms resulting from the patient exceeding their energy envelope. True / False

**3.** Deconditioning is a significant contributor to the severity of symptoms in ME/CFS. **True / False** 

**5.** Approximately 95 percent of children with ME/CFS are undiagnosed. True / False

**6.** In order to diagnose ME/CFS, a viral illness must precede the onset of fatigue. True / False

QUIZ ANSWERS 1. FALSE 2. TRUE 3. FALSE 4. TRUE 5. TRUE 6. FALSE



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