

May 12th, 2011: International Chronic Fatigue & Fibromyalgia Awareness Day!!

IT'S TIME:

- FOR VOICES TO BE HEARD
- FOR PROFESSIONALS TO BE AWARE

Government Data confirms that Canadians with Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue are very disadvantaged:

The following information was extracted by the National ME/FM Action Network from the Statistics Canada datafile for **2005 Canadian Community Health Survey:**

FACTS:

Fibromyalgia Syndrome: est. **390,000 Canadians have been diagnosed** Over 70% were ages 45 plus. 25% were younger than 45. Over 80% were female.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: est. 334,000 Canadians have been diagnosed Over 70% were ages 45 plus. 30% were younger than 45. 65% were female; 35% male.

IT'S TIME FOR:

• 10th International IACFS/ME Conference:

"Translating Evidence into Practice: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, and Related Illnesses"
- Ottawa, On., - September 22-25th., 2011

- PROFESSIONAL ACCESS & USE OF CFS FMS MEDICAL CONSENSUS DOCUMENTS
 - EDUCATION & AWARENESS

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