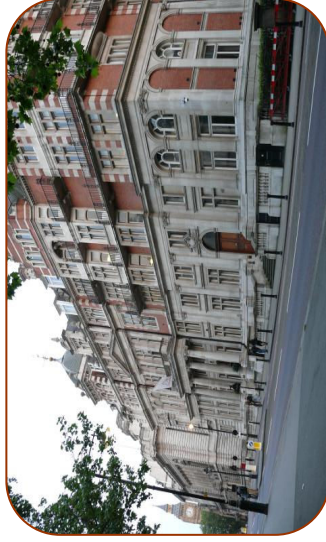


## IIME Conference

Invest in ME (IIME) is a UK charity whose aims are to educate and raise awareness of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME or ME/CFS) and promote the acceptance of the need for a comprehensive, international strategy of biomedical research into ME/CFS.

The conference will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the historic setting of One Birdcage Walk, in Westminster, London - opposite St. James Park and adjacent to the Houses of Parliament. This fully CPD-accredited conference will consist of lectures regarding diagnosis, management, treatment and research into ME/CFS and will be of interest to GPs, researchers, physicians and healthcare staff as well as media and ME patients and support groups. It is a rare opportunity in the UK to meet with world experts on ME/CFS, peers and support groups. Registration is from 07.45, conference starts at 09.00 and it finishes at 17.30.



*One Birdcage Walk in Westminster, London - venue for the International ME/CFS Conference 2010*

Discounted rates exist for GPs or healthcare staff registering in association with a ME/CFS Support Group (see registration form). More information is available at our web site at [www.investinme.org](http://www.investinme.org)

## About ME/CFS

Myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) is a severe systemic, acquired illness that is defined by the WHO in the ICD-10 code G93.3 as a neurological illness. In the UK ME/CFS is estimated to be five times more prevalent than HIV/AIDS.

ME/CFS has clear clinical symptoms which manifest predominantly based on neurological, immunological and endocrinological dysfunction. While the pathogenesis is suggested to be multifactorial, the hypothesis of initiation by a viral infection has been prominent. A wide range of viruses and other infectious agents, such as Epstein-Barr Virus, Human Herpesvirus-6 and 7, Enterovirus, Cytomegalovirus, Lentivirus, Chlamydia and Mycoplasma have been investigated. Before acquiring the illness most patients were healthy, leading full and active lifestyles. Recent research has discovered a new retrovirus - XMRV - as being implicated in ME/CFS.

ME/CFS most frequently follows an acute prodromal infection, varying from upper respiratory infections, bronchitis or sinusitis, or gastroenteritis, or an acute "flu-like" illness. Biomedical research has provided evidence of distinct subgroups within ME/CFS. This conference provides information about ME/CFS which will be useful for all healthcare staff who treat patients with ME/CFS including treatments which are available or being developed. It allows a unique opportunity for networking with peers, colleagues and presenters and provides the latest information on research, epidemiology, diagnosis and treatments for ME/CFS from world renowned experts on ME/CFS.

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