

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) and related illnesses: the potential Role of Thimerosal-containing vaccines (TCVs)

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Abstract

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS), Gulf War Syndrome (GWS) and related illnesses are insidious diseases that are now recognized to affect millions of Americans. Although having been studied for almost twenty years, they are still considered to be disorders of unknown etiology. An exhaustive review of the literature reporting immunological abnormalities and the physical symptoms of these disorders yielded little of significance with respect to the cause of onset of these illnesses.

In an ongoing study, glutathione, a tripeptide necessary for the body's general wellness, was proved to be more successful in improving patient health than antivirals, antidepressants or antibiotics. In the study to be cited, patients were treated with glutathione, both IM and IV, and with the tripeptide as a complex, glutathione•ATP. Patients receiving the glutathione•ATP complex at a dosage of 300 mg/week (IM) showed an 82% improvement in their physical symptoms. Until now, it appeared that a definitive "cure" for CFS was out of the question, with a recovery rate of only 12% being reported.

In 2002, a review authored by T.W. Clarkson entitled, *The Three Modern Faces of Mercury*, provided the needed information to bridge the gap between mercury in the environment and ethylmercury as potentially causing harm to infants and children (autism) and adults later diagnosed with CFS, FMS or GWS.

It is the author's hypothesis that Thimerosal-containing vaccines (TCVs), genetic polymorphism and stress lead to the onset of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) and a number of related illnesses. Data and literature are cited to lend support to this hypothesis. Finally, a proposed treatment program for adults suffering from CFS and its related illnesses is presented.

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