



Solve ME/CFS Initiative

Leading the Fight to
Cure ME/CFS



ME/CFS ADVOCACY WEEK

Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) and #MEAction are excited to announce a joint partnership for ME/CFS Advocacy Week & DC Lobby Day 2019! ME/CFS Advocacy Week will take place from Monday April 1 to Sunday April 7th with local partnership opportunities, online and call-in actions, and multiple events centered in Washington D.C. The keystone event, **Lobby Day 2019** when hundreds of advocates storm Congressional Offices, will take place on **Wednesday April 3rd**. We are looking forward to people with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), caregivers and allies joining together to make our voices heard!

This year, we plan to take more meetings with elected officials than ever before. ME still has far too little federal funding and far too little is being done by our federal government to find treatment options that work. ME/CFS Advocacy Week & DC Lobby day are part of a robust joint advocacy strategy to call for increased federal action and improve the lives of people with ME.

It's clearer now more than ever that we need action from our elected officials. They must be held accountable for the millions of Americans that have ME and they need to join our effort to discover a cure for ME/CFS.

We know that not everyone is, understandably, able to travel to advocacy week in person. There will be many ways to get involved and take action. Both organizations will host training workshops online and in-person on April 2nd. We will be informing you along the way and developing strategy and tools with volunteers and allies.

Now is the time register for Advocacy Week: April 2-3, 2019!

[You can register here!](#)

About SMCI and #MEAction

SMCI is excited to bring their wealth of knowledge about planning ME/CFS Advocacy Week from the previous two years to our efforts in 2019. The [Solve ME/CFS Initiative](#) (SMCI) is a non-profit disease organization that works to accelerate the discovery of safe and effective treatments, strives for an aggressive expansion of funding for research that will lead to a cure and seeks to engage the entire ME/CFS community in research, advocacy, and patient support. SMCI is the foundational ME/CFS organization, steadily broadening strategic, collaborative relationships with patients, researchers, government officials and other ME organizations across the globe.

#MEAction is looking forward to encouraging its strong community to participate in the week's activities, and help build awareness on social media and beyond. We are an international network of people with ME fighting for health equality for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). We build community and mobilize patients, family, and allies to make ME visible and fight for health equality. We were founded with the belief that while we may find it difficult to advocate for ourselves in the physical world, by making our activism accessible, we can be an unstoppable force.

Join us for a [Facebook Live FAQ Event](#) on Wednesday, February 6th at 1pm PST!