

# MEET THE TEAM



**Oved Amitay** is the Chief Executive Officer at Solve M.E. He has dedicated most of his professional career to the development of life-changing therapeutic options for people affected by rare genetic diseases. Throughout his career, Amitay has enjoyed extensive engagement with healthcare systems and patient advocacy organizations around the world, forging collaborations to address the needs of people affected by rare genetic diseases.

Amitay recognizes opportunities for Solve M.E. to evolve their work to include enabling public-private collaborations and expanding the connectivity within the ME/CFS community—both in the U.S. and globally. His overall vision for the organization includes a better understanding of ME/CFS as a disease, its underlying causes, personal variability, and the full scope of impact to ultimately arrive at the identification of targets for intervention and the availability of therapies that can improve quality of life.



**Sadie Whittaker, PhD** is the Chief Scientific Officer of Solve M.E.. Whittaker has over 14 years of experience in the biotech industry, in clinical development for biologic medicines, and in strategic leadership roles for advocacy, policy, communication, and external engagement. She brings to the organization a deep understanding of the scientific discovery, drug development, and drug commercialization processes, as well as extensive experience in engaging members of the healthcare community.

A firm believer in the power of collaboration to tackle difficult public health problems, Whittaker has spearheaded and led a number of highly successful public-private partnerships and multi-sector coalitions that have resulted in meaningful change.



**Emily Taylor** is the Director of Advocacy and Community Relations for Solve M.E.. She brings to the organization over 15 years of policy, organization, and advocacy experience in both the non-profit and government sectors. With five years' experience on Capitol Hill, Emily contributes a keen understanding of both state and federal policy processes while cultivating strong grassroots organization and patient representation.

Prior to joining the Solve M.E., Emily served as the director of policy and advocacy for an award-winning autism organization. There she spearheaded major overhauls in disability, early intervention, and education policies. She is also a veteran of several successful electoral campaigns, where she trained others in effective social media and online organization. Emily draws inspiration from her mother who has battled ME/CFS as well as chronic autoimmune and thyroid conditions since 1999.

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## About Solve M.E.:

Founded in 1987, Solve ME/CFS Initiative (Solve M.E.) is the national non-profit disease organization representing ME/CFS researchers, patients, and caregivers in the US. Our mission is to make this devastating disease widely understood, diagnosable, and treatable. Solve M.E. is the largest US provider of private competitive research funding exclusively for ME/CFS. Our investments and programs accelerate the discovery of safe and effective treatments for ME/CFS, work aggressively toward expansion of research funds, and engages the ME/CFS community in research, advocacy and patient support.