

February/March 1996 – No. 16

- Petitions to the House of Commons Final totals
- Disability Tax Credit Update from members
- National Disability Insurance Survey Update
- Additions to Board of Directors of the National ME/FM Action Network
- U.S. physician reports on possible alternative Fibromyalgia test
- U.K. Newcastle group looking at involvement of central nervous system in ME/CFS
- Ontario doctor advises on alternative treatment for Shingles
- Books, newsletters, videos etc.
- College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario reports doctors get poor marks for courtesy
- Inter-group communications
- Legal precedent set in British Columbia bank employee

April/May 1996 – No. 17

- Report on Petitions to be presented by MP to House of Commons
- National Insurance Survey update
- Canada Pension Plan Disability to provide rehabilitation services to selected clients
- Eye Survey Update
- Doctor from University of Otago, NZ visit to Ottawa
- Supreme Court of Canada rules mental disability not valid reason to cut someone's work
- Inter-group communications
- Newsletters, books, videos, etc.
- Tips for dry mouth

June/July 1996 – No. 18

- Petitions to the House of Commons presented
- Director General of the Laboratories for Disease Control announces two separate national

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consensus meetings

- Update on support group numbers and members
- Province of Alberta announces amendment to allow non-traditional medical practices
- National Insurance Survey date extended
- National ME/FM Action Network reports on further meetings with Revenue Canada on the Disability Tax Credit
- Ampligen announces strategic alliance with Hemispher BioPharma Inc.
- Researcher finds protein that shuts off immune system
- Insurance company admonished by Ottawa Judge
- Gulf War Illness Treatment of possible use to ME/CFS and FM people
- Additions to National Doctors and Lawyers' Roster
- Inter-group communication

[August/September 1996 – No. 19](#)

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- Results of annual meeting votes
- Government Response to House of Commons Petition
- Medical Examiner's response to criticisms from ME/CFS and FM public
- Women's College receives grant from Ontario Ministry of Health for environmental illness, ME/CFS and FM
- Addition to National Doctors and Lawyers Roster
- Disability Tax Credit reviewed
- National ME/FM Action Network responds to radio station's CFS comment
- Results of Rehabilitation Survey
- Update on support group numbers
- Books, newsletters, videos etc.
- Meletonin removed from shelves in BC and Alberta by Federal Health Inspectors
- Pacific Biotech International, Inc. studying newly recognized bacterium as possible underlying

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cause of CFS.

October/November 1996 – No. 20

- National ME/FM Action Network receives letter from A/Director of the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control supporting U.S. 1994 CFS definition
- Speak-Peak at 1996 new Disability Tax Credit
- Petition to the House of Commons Follow-Up
- Newsletters, books, videos etc.
- Inter-group communications
- Rerport on University of Otago blood cell analysis and Doctor tour
- Temple University announces novel enzyme found in ME/CFS and FM patients
- Personal
- National Lawyers Roster addition
- Financial Report for 1996