



Federal Costs in Black and White

assuming lower estimate of 1 million patients, versus 1.5 million

Taxes

Lost Incomes Taxes

An average income of \$30,000, taxed at 20%, gives the Federal Government \$6000. If the 1 million Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome patients lost their jobs and became unemployable, the income tax cost to the Federal Finance Department is: **\$6 billion. Every year.**

Lost GST

The 7% GST lost as the same population moves from earning an average of \$30,000 to a near-maximum of \$10,000, is the GST lost on approximately \$20,000, about \$1400 per person, multiplied one million times, costing up to: **\$1.4 billion.**

Entitlements

Disability Insurance Payments

Some patients are still working. A small percentage are on private insurance. Those not qualifying for Insurance usually on welfare. Some have families that support them. Some are on Provincial support. But most are on Federal Disability Insurance, as Provincial programs push patients to apply for it. The costs are usually about \$10,000 per patient. \$10,000 insurance, 1 million patients:

Potentially \$10 billion

Old-Age Assistance Liabilities Mount

Patients on disability insurance won't be self-sufficient in old age.

Plus new patients every year.

The Federal Government's Bottom Line

**Total Potential Direct Federal Cost:
\$17.4 billion annually, plus OAS**

Plus the Indirect Federal Costs

Include the many business costs, from lost sales, rising insurance costs, lost employees, resulting in less Taxes and growth than otherwise.

The Question:

What should we do?

Federal Research?

**Federal seeding of patient support?
Better Provincial access to therapies?**

Note, we typically refer to 20% of the population in our estimates, not 100%.

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Beyond Federal:

**Provincial Costs,
Community, Family,
Personal, Suicides.**

Per Day Fed Costs

\$46 million

+ OAS

+ Business loss