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**FM-CFS Canada opposes Delisting**

*Ontario Government like many across Canada delivering two-tier health care*

(Ottawa, Ontario, Canada – Friday, 10 June, 2004) FM-CFS Canada stands with the Ontario Chiropractic Association and the Ontario Physiotherapists Association, and with other patient groups served by these professionals.

“FM-CFS Canada is concerned for the more than 300,000 people in Ontario battling Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and views the delisting of Physiotherapy and Chiropractic care as a further erosion of the 'Equality of Access' Canadians are supposed to have under the Canada Health Act. “

FM-CFS Canada Executive Director, John Ernst

“A great many sufferers of Fibromyalgia (FM) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) utilize the services of Ontario Chiropractors for pain management and relief. The delisting of these services will also seriously impact some of our members who have limited economic means and an inability to download this extra burden to company sponsored health plans.”

FM-CFS Canada Chairman, Graham Mayes

“In my opinion chiropractors have done more good and less harm for patients with spinal pain than the medical profession.

Dr. Ellen Thompson, Anaesthesiologist

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**FM & CFS Facts:**

**Population size:** More than 1 million Canadians

**Cause:** Unknown.

**Treatment:** Various strategies, limited effectiveness, insurance problems, Canadian pain physician shortage.

**Cure:** Unknown

**Data Source:**

The 1997 London Fibromyalgia Study, Dr. Kevin P. White (available through MedPub.com):  
A respected and rigorous 1997 Canadian study estimated 1 million to 1.5 million (3.3 - 5%) Canadians suffer from Fibromyalgia (FM) and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). The low estimate, 1 million, is also low compared to US and UK estimates which suggest 4-5% of their populations have FM and CFS.

**Further information references available in the FM-CFS.ca 'Media' section:**

- 1) Regional Media Contacts across Canada, local groups.
- 2) Background information, statistics, sources, organisations.
- 3) Quotes from community leaders, physicians, patients, care-givers.
- 4) Personal stories from across the country: photos, first names available.
- 5) Patient Registry - a data bank of volunteers for FM & CFS research, secure at FM-CFS.ca in the Patient section.
- 6) This Press Release is online in Adobe PDF form at: <http://www.fm-cfs.ca/PR-June-10.pdf>