

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE
SPECIAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
NINTH WAVE WORK PROGRAMME**

**CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME / MYALGIC
ENCEPHALOMYELITIS**

On 23rd February 2004 the Department of Health and the Welsh Assembly Government formally requested the National Institute for Clinical Excellence to prepare a clinical and service guideline as described in the box below. Also attached is additional background information.

Title: Clinical guideline for the investigation and management of chronic fatigue syndrome

Remit: "To prepare for the NHS in England and Wales, guidance on the assessment, diagnosis, management of adjustment and coping, symptom management, and the use of rehabilitation strategies geared towards optimising functioning and achieving greater independence for adults and children of CFS/ME.

Suggested working titles for NICE:

**Full Title: Chronic fatigue syndrome / Myalgic encephalomyelitis :
diagnosis and management**

Short Title: CFS / ME