

## ME AWARENESS MONTH 2011

People who suffer from Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) are forced to live in a bubble – a bubble created from ignorance



**misinformation  
medical ignorance  
misdiagnosis  
discrimination  
no funding of  
biomedical research  
government apathy  
isolation**

- ME is a neurological illness
- ME patients are banned from giving blood for life
- Over 60 outbreaks of ME have been recorded worldwide since 1934
- ME is 3 times more prevalent than HIV/AIDS - twice as prevalent as MS
- 25% of ME patients are severely affected - housebound, bedbound
- 25,000 patients are children
- ME is the largest cause of long term sickness absence from school for pupils and staff
- ME patients have no approved drugs for treatment
- ME patients have no access to specialist ME consultants
- ME does not discriminate, anyone can be affected
- There is no centre of excellence in the UK that treats and researches ME as a physical illness. UK Charity Invest in ME wants to change that - Please Help Us

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