

Emerge Australia Advocacy Priorities

“Together we are stronger.....”

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It is the right of every person living in Australia with ME/CFS and long COVID to access safe, affordable, high quality health care, disability and income supports, underpinned by the latest research and provided by educated health practitioners.

Advocacy Priorities

1. Research

Investment in ME/CFS research to identify research priorities to

- improve understanding of the cause of ME/CFS
- develop diagnostic tests; and
- identify effective treatments and approaches to management.

2. Clinical Education

Government funding for clinical education to ensure GPs and health practitioners manage ME/CFS safely, underpinned by the latest scientific evidence.

3. Equitable access to healthcare

Ensure there is equitable access to affordable/subsidised ME/CFS and long COVID healthcare and patient support, including access to telehealth, allied health, nursing and in-home care.

4. Equitable access to disability supports

Deliver equitable access to, and within, the NDIS, Disability Support Pension and foundational supports for people with ME/CFS and long COVID.