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Dear Ms. Post:

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to share your concerns and interests regarding myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), multiple sclerosis (MS), and other autoimmune conditions affecting women.

As the nation's protection agency, the mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to save lives and protect people from global health, safety and security threats. As a diligent steward of the funds entrusted to our agency, CDC provides disease prevention and health promotion information and resources to national, state, and local level public health leaders, healthcare providers, communities, families, and patients. For example, CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) addresses ME/CFS. The NCEZID website provides facts about ME/CFS, as well as information about possible causes, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options. Additionally, the website has information and resources for healthcare providers.

You can find information about lupus, another autoimmune condition, by visiting the website of CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). You can also find a lupus detailed fact sheet online, as well as a list of scientific articles, and descriptions of funded lupus activities.

While multiple sclerosis (MS) is not currently in CDC's portfolio of funded research and public health practice programs, it is a priority for another Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agency. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), specifically the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, is working to create new and better therapies for MS. For more information please, visit NIH's website on multiple sclerosis.

At the CDC, we track disease, find out what is making people sick and the most effective ways to prevent it; and bring new knowledge to individual health care and community health centers to save more lives and reduce waste.

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Thank you again for contacting the CDC and allowing us to provide you with our most current information and resources.

Sincerely,

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