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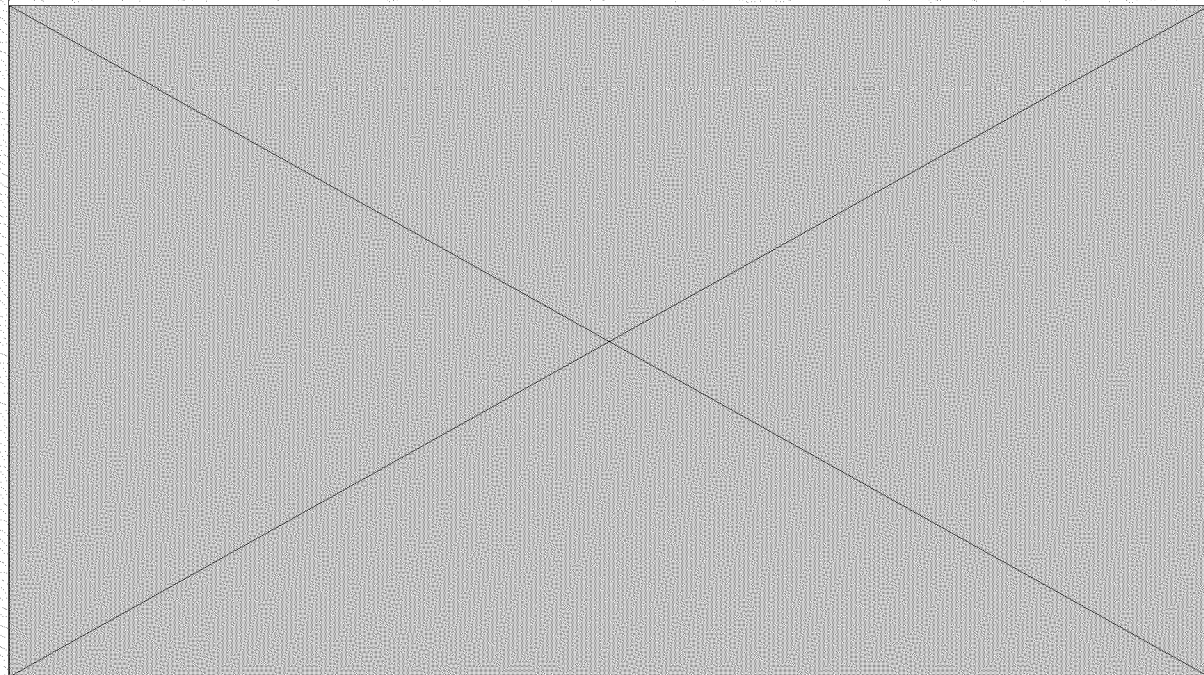
Dear Friends,

Changing the *Status Quo!*

I am thrilled to report to our community the launch of a new science and discovery program dedicated to ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) at the prestigious Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York City. This comes after we shared news last month of another SMCI-Directed Research Initiative at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) in Boston, ... [READ MORE](#)

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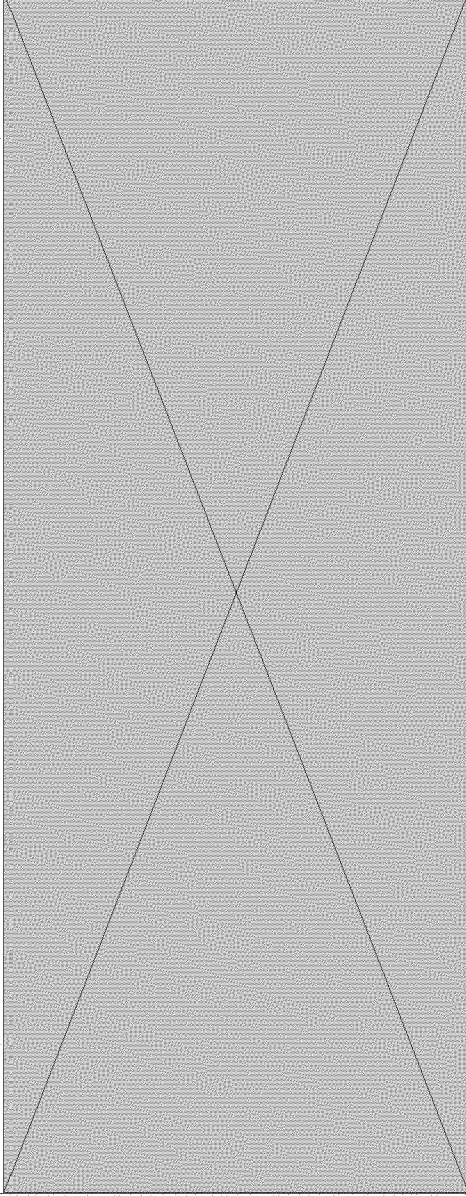
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SMCI launches new research program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

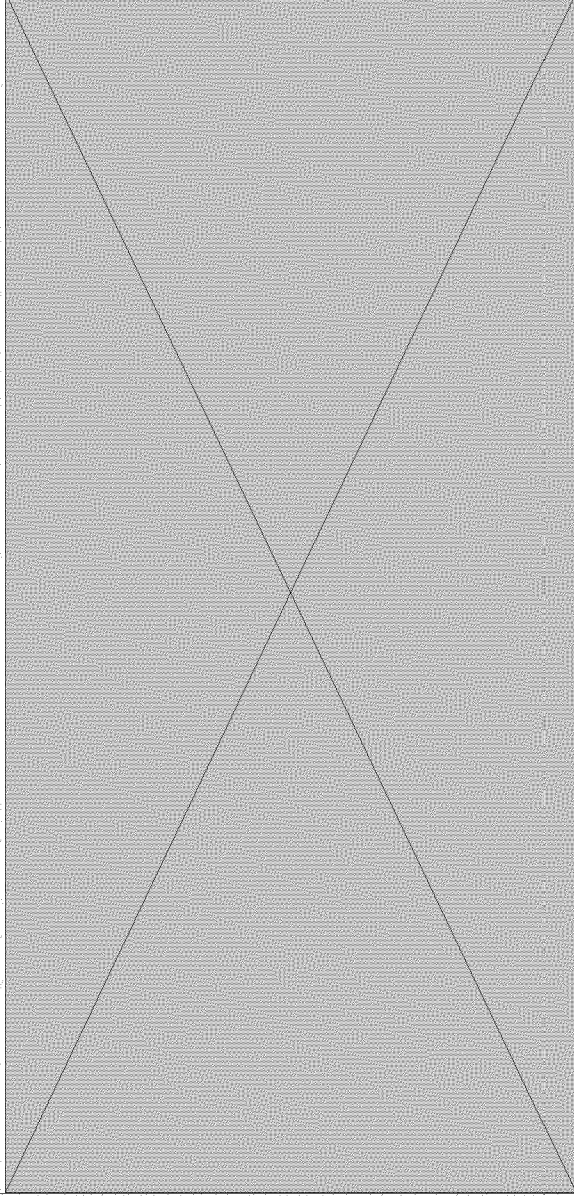
Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) launched a new partnership with the prestigious Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York City. The collaboration between the MSKCC

scientist team and SMCI will investigate the biology of ME/CFS and explore investigation strategies using advanced technologies. This effort is the culmination of a series of meetings and strategy sessions over the past year... [READ MORE](#)



Preview of the New SMCI National ME/CFS Patient Registry

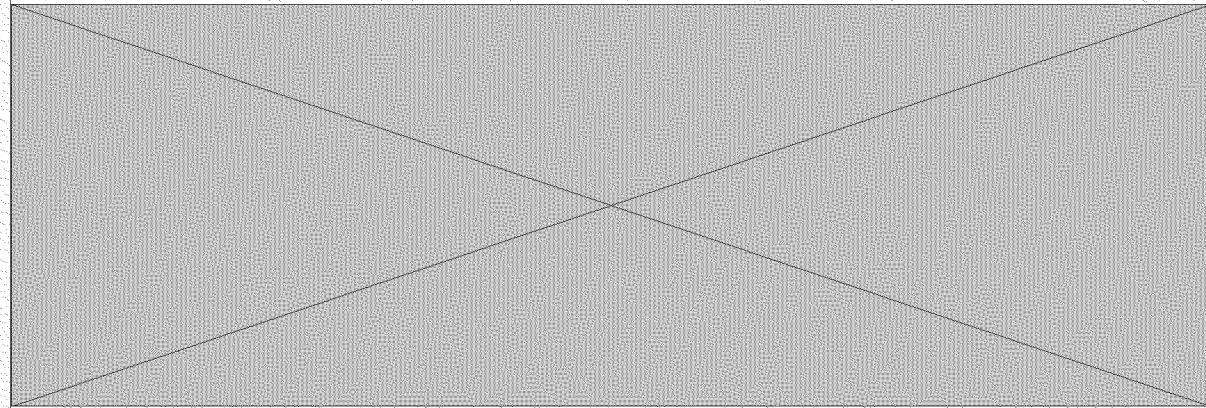
The Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) is in the final stages of constructing a new state-of-the-art patient registry platform. Last year, we took the initiative in addressing a knowledge gap barrier in to defining the natural history of ME/CFS while simultaneously modernizing electronic health record platforms in the ME/CFS disease space. This new patient registry platform will incorporate the latest in cutting-edge registry design while enhancing our ability to... [READ MORE](#)



Pictured above, NIH Program Director Vicky Whittemore presents to the Solve ME/CFS Initiative Research Advisory Council (including Drs. Cindy Bateman and Michele Silvestri pictured here) in Washington D.C.

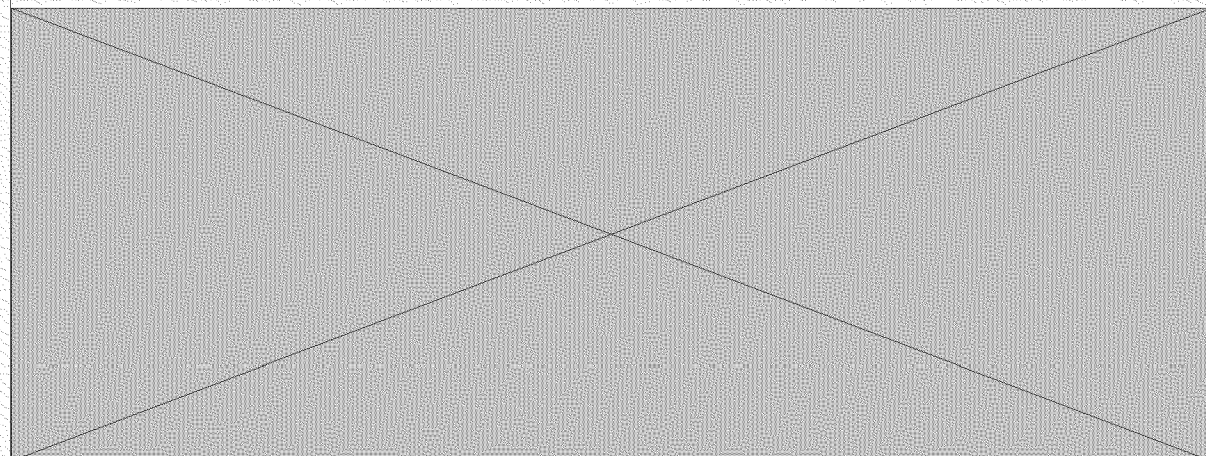
Guest Perspective: Vicky Whittemore on the NIH Review Process

By Vicky Whittemore, PhD; Program Director of the Channels, Synapses and Circuits Cluster in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is the gateway for National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant applications and their review for scientific merit. They organize the peer review groups or study sections that evaluate the majority (75%) of the research grant applications sent ... [READ MORE](#)



Dr. Maureen Hanson Visits SMCI to Discuss Ongoing Collaboration

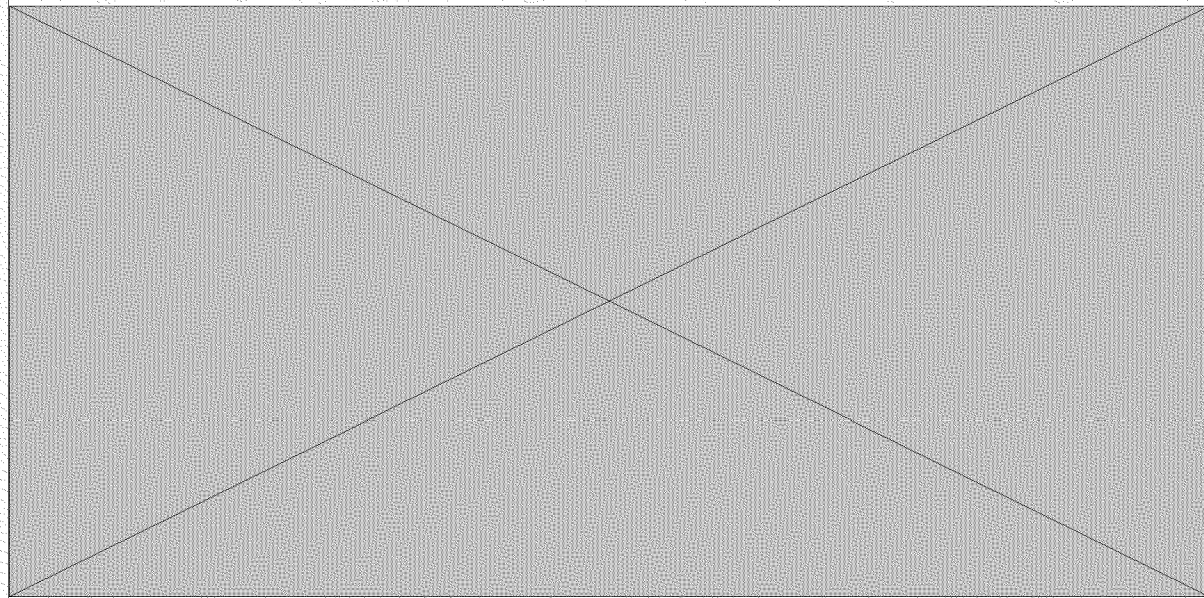
On Monday, September 11, Dr. Maureen Hanson of Cornell University visited SMCI's Los Angeles headquarters. Dr. Hanson's visit was an opportunity to discuss recent developments in ME/CFS and coordinate efforts with SMCI Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President for Research, Dr. Zaher Nahle. They also addressed ongoing collaborative projects, including a targeted discussion on a number of planned studies and events... [READ MORE](#)



Pictured above: Simmaron Board chairman Jan Armstrong and SMCI Director of Advocacy and Public Relations Emily Taylor

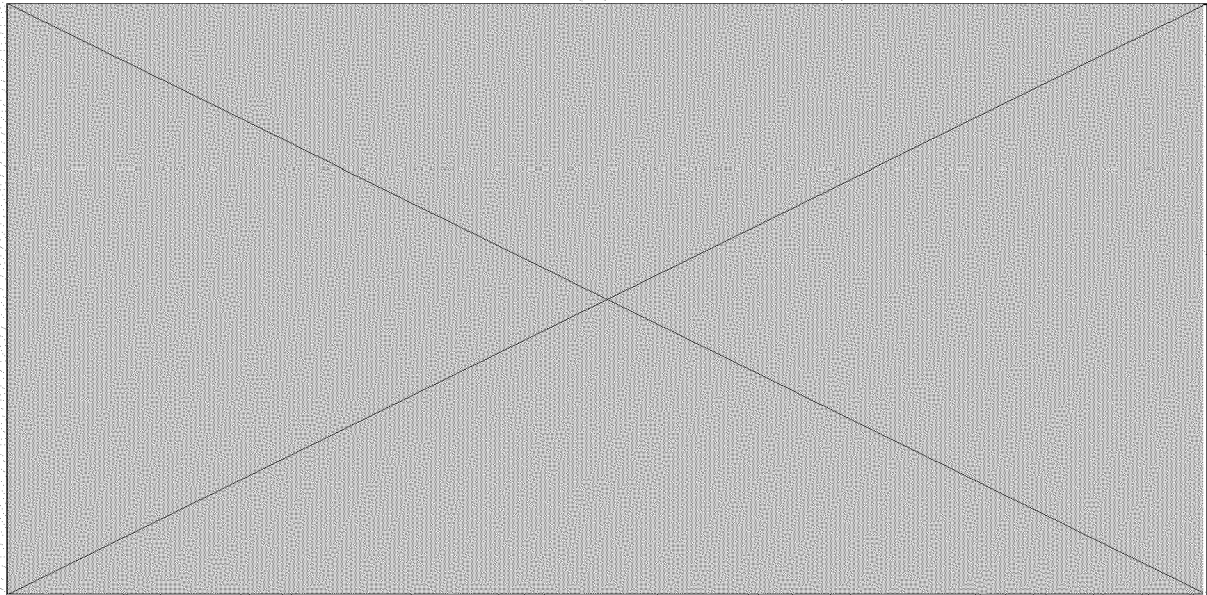
Summary of the Simmaron Research Institute Research Update and Patient Day

On September 9th, the Simmaron Research Institute (SRI) hosted its annual Patient Day and Research Update in Incline Village, Nevada. This three-hour conference and update included scientific presentations from Drs. Konnie Knox and Mady Hornig of SRI's Scientific Advisory Board and Dr. Maureen Hanson, who serves on both SRI's Scientific Advisory Board and the Solve ME/CFS Initiative's Research Advisory Council. Dr. Hanson presented data from her recent research collaboration with SMCI and Metabalon which investigates the causes of post-exertional malaise (PEM). ... [READ MORE](#)



Updates from the ME/CFS fight in Washington DC

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative is committed to education, awareness, and advocacy efforts in Washington DC and we are pleased to report on our progress so far. Three major actions happened in Washington DC this month for ME/CFS, previously called chronic fatigue syndrome, including funding victories, the first state-wide letter to the NIH, and a partnership with Jennifer Brea's *Unrest*. ... [READ MORE](#)



Debunking myths of ME/CFS – the HPV Vaccine

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination was previously implicated through anecdotal evidence and small series cases as a possible triggering cause of ME/CFS. However, a recent study titled “HPV vaccination and risk of chronic fatigue syndrome/myalgic encephalomyelitis: A nationwide register-based study from Norway” effectively weakens the assertion of a causal link between the development of ME/CFS following HPV vaccinations... [READ MORE](#)

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