

Join us!

We are celebrating the grand opening of:

Nova Southeastern University's College of
Osteopathic Medicine Institute for
Neuro-Immune Medicine

January 26, 2013
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
NSU Davie Campus
Fort Lauderdale, Florida



CFS/ME and GULF WAR ILLNESS 2013
A CELEBRATION of HOPE and PROGRESS

The purpose of this conference is to celebrate with patients and friends the opening of the new NSU College Of Osteopathic Medicine Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine. This institute is the culmination of much work and many dreams. NSU's community of support has been "just what the doctor ordered," nurturing the start-up and growth of this new institute. Within the first year we have had numerous accomplishments:

We established a clinic and clinical research site in Kendall (Miami, Florida) and now a second clinical site in Davie at the main NSU campus. The Davie site is state of the art, incorporating our research laboratories, the clinic, a clinical research unit, faculty offices, and conference facilities. It's special in its design —by putting all our core skills in one space: clinicians/educators, genomics, virology, immunology, cellular biology, computational biology, therapeutic modeling, we have created an everyday "think tank." Reaching further, we are collaborating with other experts and using a virtual platform to extend the work of the institute to investigators around the world.

In our first conference "A Celebration of Hope and Progress" we will highlight recent advances, the direction of research, and the very real promise of new therapeutic approaches as our understanding becomes more focused with new tools and discoveries.



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Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. **Registration:** coffee/tea, set up sponsor and advocacy tables
- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introducing the INIM:** Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D., dean NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine
- 9:45 a.m. **INIM's Big Plan:** finding Effective Therapy for GWI , CFS/ME and Complex Medical Illnesses
Nancy Klimas, M.D., director INIM, chair clinical immunology, and professor of medicine, NSU-COM
- 10:15 a.m. **Voices of Hope:** Patients with GWI, CFS/ME with stories of recovery
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**

Current Strategies in Treatment

- 11:00 a.m. **The Basics: Treating:** CFS/ME and GW Irma Rey, M.D., Director of Medical Education INIM , NSU-COM
- 11:30 a.m. **Understanding Your Limits, a Key to Restoring Fitness:** Connie Sol, MA Exercise Physiologist, INIM, NSU-COM
- 12:00 p.m. **The Important Role Family and Partners Play in Coping with Chronic Illness:** Dolores Perdomo, Ph.D., LCSW, University of Miami
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch** – Focus Group Lunch

Models that Lead to Treatment

- 1:30 p.m. **Introducing the new GWI Consortium:** Gordon Broderick, Ph.D., and Mary Ann Fletcher, Ph.D.
- 2:00 p.m. **Infection, Autoimmunity, and Illness:** Mady Hornig, M.D. Columbia University, principal investigator, Pathogen Discovery Project, sponsored by the Chronic Fatigue Initiative.
- 2:30 p.m. **New Understandings, New Treatments:** Dan Peterson, M.D., Sierra Internal Medicine, NV
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Leading Yourself to a Healthier YOU!** Lynn Lafferty, Pharm. D., director, NSU-COM Alternative Medicine Program, and Rebecca Halstead, former brigadier general, U.S. Army
- 3:45 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Is the Future Bright?** The Direction of Research and Care Sue Levine, M.D., director, Levine Clinic, New York City chair (all speakers)
- 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks:** Kathy Assaf, chair, INIM Development Committee, NSU
- 5:00 p.m. **Tour and Refreshments,** NSU-COM Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine