

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology & Treatment

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Professor Kenny De Meirleir.
World Leading expert in
ME/CFS

Professor Kenny De Meirleir MD PhD
and **Dr Henry Butt MSc PhD**

2:30 -5:30 pm Saturday 3rd November 2007.

Centre for Neurological Support,
The Niche, 11 Aberdare Road, Nedlands
Parking Opposite

A majority of patients with ME/CFS report gastrointestinal symptoms and dysfunction, alongside other common symptoms such as cognitive difficulties, muscle and joint pain, neurological disturbance and abnormal persistent or fluctuating fatigue.

Prof. De Meirleir will discuss evidence indicating ME/CFS patients have a compromised lining of their gut similar to that found in HIV. He will explore links to evidence suggesting the gut of patients is infected with bacterial and/or viral pathogens and how this may contribute to an altered immune state. Prof. De Meirleir will describe treatments that have successfully restored the gut lining of patients and led to a significant improvement in multiple symptoms.

Dr. Butt will discuss evidence indicating significant changes in the microbial gut flora found in a well defined population of ME/CFS patients. He will explore a close correlation between the severity of symptom reporting (cognitive dysfunction, gastrointestinal symptoms, pain and fatigue) and quantitative changes in specific faecal microbial flora and their metabolites analysed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

Prof. Kenny De Meirleir MD PhD is one of the world's leading ME/CFS clinicians and researchers. He is Professor of Physiology, Pathophysiology, Internal Medicine and Sports Medicine at Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, and Clinical Professor, University of Nevada Medical School, USA. His research activities into ME/CFS date back to 1990 and he was Director of one of the world's largest ME/CFS clinics for nearly two decades. He is a co-author of the Canadian ME/CFS Clinical Guidelines published in 2003.

Dr. Henry Butt MSc PhD is Director, Bioscreen Laboratory, a Senior Fellow (Hon) at Bio21 Molecular Science & Biotechnology Institute, University of Melbourne. He was previously Conjoint Lecturer, University of Newcastle, and Scientist-in-Charge of the Department of Microbiology and Infectious Disease, Hunter Area Health Services.

Cost of both lectures is \$40 including light refreshments

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Social Sciences Lecture Theatre,
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Enter from Hackett Drive, Car Park 4

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