

The Polio crisis

Top health officials in India held a meeting on 21 September in view of the surge of cases with poliomyelitis in India this year. In 2005 only 66 cases had been reported from India. This year at least 297 cases have already been reported. The epidemic centers around Uttar Pradesh. This year 259 cases have been reported from UP while there were just 29 cases last year. Migrants from UP are spreading the disease not only to other states in India but to neighboring countries which had become polio free last year including Nepal, Bangladesh and 2 African countries – Angola and Namibia. In

India Maharashtra, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have documented cases this year originating from UP. Recently the health minister Anbumani Ramadoss vowed that India will eliminate polio by 2007. Will polio eradication also become another missed chance like malaria or will India rise to the challenge? (Reuters India Sept 14 2006).

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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic encephalopathy (CFS/ME)

A listing of some of the popular websites on CFS, a condition that is increasingly reported in children, is given below.

Association of Young people with ME -
www.ayme.org.uk

The association website provides with patients with CFS/ME and their families. The website provides information in FAQ format for patients and their families as well as latest news about the disease. Latest guidelines on management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome can be downloaded from this site.

CFS news - *www.cfs-news.org*

The CFS news is a collection of links to various websites on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. The links have been classified into 'news groups', 'information files' and discussion groups. Latest news from various countries can also be accessed from this website.

Center for Disease Control, USA(CDC) website on CFS - *http://www.cdc.gov/cfs/*

The CDC website has sections on latest news, basic facts, symptoms, treatment and details about the CDC research group on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. This website also has sections for patients and health care professionals.

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