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Morgellon's Disease: Not Really a Mystery!

The Institute of Progressive Medicine is inviting participants for a clinical trial on Morgellon's disease that is based on activating an alternative cellular energy (ACE) pathway. The studies should also help in the control of other illnesses caused by stealth adapted viruses.

/24-7PressRelease/ - BURBANK, CA, January 24, 2008 - Morgellon's disease is a somewhat inappropriate name given to a clinical condition characterized by ulcerating skin lesions accompanied by the production of particles and fibers. The fibers are irritating and can provoke scratching, which is the probable ultimate cause of the ulcerating skin lesions. The particles and fibers have characteristics of alternative cellular energy (ACE) pigments. They are commonly fluorescent and the intensity of fluorescence can be enhanced using various dyes.

ACE pigments were initially identified in patients infected with viruses that escape recognition by the cellular immune system. Termed stealth adapted viruses, they simply lack the few critical components viral normally targeted by cytotoxic lymphocytes. ACE pigments are also produced in response to conventional viruses, such as herpes simplex virus (HSV) and herpes zoster virus (HZV), the cause of shingles. Activation of the ACE pathway is proving a very effective method of controlling HSV and HZV infections. It is time to include some Morgellon's patients in these ongoing studies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and patient supported organizations such as the Morgellon's Foundation have been very slow in understanding or accepting the connection between stealth adapted viruses and Morgellon's disease. Hopefully, they will be more responsive once marked clinical improvements can be demonstrated in a few well documented cases.

The issue of stealth adapted viruses will eventually prove to be a major embarrassment to the CDC. Similar to the belated response to the epidemic of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infections, CDC personnel have essentially ignored the many requests for open discussions on the issue of viruses causing the increasing prevalence of such illnesses as autism in children and the chronic fatigue syndrome in adults. Part of this reluctance is the unequivocal data indicating that some stealth adapted viruses clearly arose from simian cytomegalovirus (SCMV) and that the DNA of this virus is readily detectable in several lots of previously licensed polio virus vaccines. The story goes deeper since it can be reasonably argued that the testing of monkey cytomegalovirus contaminated polio vaccines in chimpanzees in Africa during the 1950's led to the formation of the AIDS virus.

Organizations representing Morgellon's patients may wish to assist in recruiting a few representative patients for participation in a research study aimed at activating the ACE pathway. The organizations should certainly convey to their members some of the available information concerning the postulated role of stealth adapted viruses in Morgellon's disease and related conditions. Some of this information is available within the Medical Commentary section at www.s3support.com For additional information, patients can contact the Institute via e-mail at s3support@mail.com or call 626-616-2868.