



## GBS & CIDP In Your State

**APPROXIMATELY  
23% of VT'S  
POPULATION  
USES MEDICARE**



**56**

**PATIENTS LIVING  
WITH THE  
AUTOIMMUNE  
CONDITION, CIDP**



**CASES OF  
GBS EVERY  
YEAR**



**NEW CASES  
OF CIDP  
EVERY YEAR**

## Fast Facts



**GBS 6,000 CASES IN THE  
US EVERY YEAR**

- ▶ Treated with IVIG or Plasma Exchange
- ▶ Rapid onset of numbness, weakness, paralysis
- ▶ Recovery time varies and can take months or years
- ▶ Many patients have chronic residuals
- ▶ Occurs once; patients usually regain most functionality



**CIDP 30,000 ONGOING CASES  
OF CIDP IN THE US**

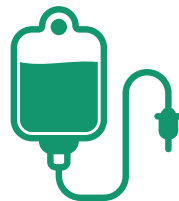
- ▶ Chronic condition that requires on-going treatment of IVIG; symptoms wax and wane
- ▶ A small percentage of patients are treated with plasma exchange or steroids
- ▶ Untreated, 30% of patients progress to wheelchair dependence
- ▶ With proper treatment, patients' function significantly improves

## About IVIG & Home Infusions

IVIG is thought to interfere with the patient's own antibodies that are attacking the myelin coating of nerves.



IVIG treatment can take 4 to 8 hours for each treatment



CIDP patients usually need, and want, IVIG treatment on a regular basis for the rest of their lives



Delaying or stopping treatment increases the chance of the condition declining

## What Can You Do Now?

Cosponsor HR 3808, legislation enacting a Medicare Part B Home Infusion Demonstration Project for patients with CIDP and MMN.

Continue to include Guillain-Barre Syndrome as a condition eligible for study through the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) for FY 2022.

## Other Priorities

Provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with at least \$46.2 billion in FY 2022.

Provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with a meaningful funding increase for FY 2022

## How Does This Help?

### IVIG Home Infusion is:

- Cost-effective, reflected in the lower cost per patient per year for home infusion and less frequent visits to emergency departments
- The only option for many patients that live in rural areas far from treatment centers
- Associated with better treatment adherence, allowing patients to live more productive lives

Advancing Research into better treatments, cures, and quicker diagnosis for GBS and CIDP, is essential for improving the future for patients affected with these conditions.

This program has been an integral part of funding grants for GBS, which affects servicemembers at a higher rate

Research into the exact cause of GBS and CIDP is needed to improve the diagnosis process and find better treatment options.

Identifying and avoiding events that may trigger GBS is an important initiative to reduce the number of cases. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to act on the frontlines of monitoring, surveiling, and preventing Zika infections (and other possible GBS triggering illnesses).

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