

Mycoplasma and Other Intracellular Bacteria in Joint Pain, Arthritis, Autism, PDD, MS, Alzheimer's, Fatigue, Depression, Muscle Pain, and other Chronic Illness

You might be surprised to discover that illnesses as diverse as Fibromyalgia Syndrome and Autism are linked by common threads. The remarkable tale of detection and discovery which connects Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Rheumatoid Arthritis and the Gulf War begins now.

Along with his wife, Dr. Nancy Nicolson, Dr. Garth Nicolson discovered the presence of one of the most insidious and incapacitating biological agents ever developed in Gulf War veterans' blood. This class of microbes hides inside cells and causes all sorts of chronic signs and symptoms, similar to what one would see with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia Syndrome, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis and many other chronic illnesses. These microbes are known as mycoplasmas and various other species, and the Nicolsons along with their colleagues eventually found that slightly less than one-half of the very sick Gulf War veterans had chronic invasive infections involving these mycoplasmas; such as *Mycoplasma fermentans*. This has now been confirmed in a large Department of Defense - Department of Veterans' Affairs clinical trial. The startling and disturbing story behind these discoveries is told in their book *Project Day Lily*.

Years of subsequent studies by the Nicolsons and leading scientists throughout the world have concluded that these invasive microbes are associated with several acute and chronic illnesses, including: Asthma; Pneumonia; Inflammatory Bowel Diseases; Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA); HIV-AIDS; genitourinary infections and chronic fatigue illnesses such as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) and Gulf War Illnesses (GWI). Also, their research does suggest that invasive bacteria are involved in the pathogenesis of Autism and related disorders. It is now apparent that such infections could be (a) causative, (b) cofactors or (c) opportunistic agents in a variety of these disorders and chronic illnesses.

I want to refer you to the amazing research found on the website of the Institute for Molecular medicine founded by Dr. Nicolson: www.immed.org/

My approach to treatment is to be as comprehensive as possible. I want to help you by gathering as much research and as many treatment modalities as I can. The research of Dr. Nicolson is one of the many bits and pieces of evidence I want to consider for anyone who has any of the signs or symptoms of the illnesses and conditions listed above. This PDF is for your information. Information is powerful and it can be powerfully healing.