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HIGH LEVEL OF CHRONIC FATIGUE PROMPTS NEW STUDY

An estimated 387,000 Americans have chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), according to a new study, and the results have led to a \$2.5 million federal grant to conduct a larger study on the debilitating condition.

DePaul University psychology professor Leonard A. Jason said his results are more reliable than previous studies because his team followed up possible cases identified in a random sample with medical workups.

"We did everything you need to do to conduct a solid epidemiological study," he said.

Previous studies have been flawed because they relied on doctoral referrals or only included people with access to health care services, he said.