



To the Grant Review Committee:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Chronic Viral Diseases Branch and the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation entered into a memorandum of understanding in 2021 to collaborate on projects designed to improve clinical and public health practice regarding the treatment and recovery from post-COVID conditions or Long COVID. This collaboration resulted in the planning and execution of four Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinars and a workshop at the 2023 International Association for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) conference, “Addressing ME/CFS-like Symptoms in Long COVID Patients”.

COCA provides timely, accurate, and credible information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats. COCA fosters partnerships with national clinician organizations to strengthen information-sharing networks before, during, and after a public health emergency. COCA serves a wide range of clinical professionals, including: physicians, nurses, physician’s assistants, pharmacists, paramedics, veterinarians, epidemiologists, public health practitioners, and state and local health department officials. The following tables provides details on the four COCA Calls that featured AAPM&R speakers:

Call Date	Call Title	Total Number of Live Attendees
9/30/2021	Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Fatigue Following COVID-19	1,886
5/5/2022	Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Cognitive Symptoms Following COVID	2,495
9/20/2022	Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Cardiovascular Symptoms Following COVID	1,494
2/23/2023	Evaluating and Supporting Children and Adolescents Presenting with Post-COVID Conditions	2,236

In addition to the live webinars, the slides and a recording are made available after the live presentation for later viewing. Continuing education credits are offered for most COCA webinars including those listed above.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information about CDC and AAPM&R’s collaboration.

Sincerely,

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