

Study puts high number on chronic fatigue cases

While some scientists argue over whether chronic fatigue syndrome is real, others argue over how many people may experience the problem.

Early estimates placed the number of cases between 4 and 40 per 100,000 people. But a new study by De Paul University psychologist Leonard Jason of nearly 1,500 nurses puts the number between 320 and 680 cases per 100,000, depending on what criteria are used to diagnose the condition.

The higher prevalence number came from nurses who believed they had the syndrome.

Admitting that his study as well as others have flaws, Jason said, "We need a comprehensive study to establish the depth of this problem conclusively."