

MCS Matters



Welcome to another summer (ha!) edition of MCS Matters! First up I'd like to apologise for the continued interruption to the MCS Helpline. Unfortunately, since losing my home in a mere 20 minutes to a middle-of-the-night river flash flood back at the start of November last year I am still struggling along in hotel accommodation (with no Internet access). Since then I have had to go through the local housing authority appeal procedure (winning it) in order to have my ME/MCS illness taken fully into account when making me an offer of permanent housing. As soon as that long awaited ME/MCS friendly housing offer finally materialises then the popular MCS Helpline will be back in full swing once again very soon thereafter.

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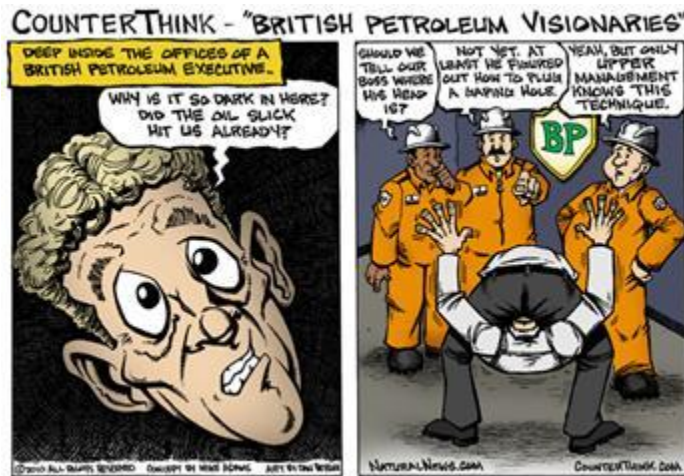
Personally, I have little doubt that, for some MCS sufferers at least, genetic factors probably do play a role in the development of their MCS illness. However, generally speaking, I view the "genetic" perspective on MCS, for the most part, to be little more than a wonderfully convenient "get out of jail free" card for the giant multi-national chemical corporations. While they continue, in my opinion, to contaminate everyone and everything, everywhere on the planet, with very toxic chemicals, they effectively deflect responsibility for the enormous health (and environmental) carnage their very profitable products invariably cause by evoking the mysterious complexity of genetics like a powerful smokescreen; pointing vigorously and accusingly all the while at our genetic code shouting "See! See! It's not our chemicals that are to blame at all. It's been your own genetic makeup all along!" Anyhow, hope you find the following item of recent research to be of some interest.

Genetic Susceptibility Factors for Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Revisited

"Multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) is characterised by adverse effects due to exposure to low levels of chemical substances. Various genes, especially genes of importance to the metabolism of xenobiotic compounds, have been associated with MCS, but findings are inconsistent. The purpose of this study was to investigate genetic susceptibility factors for MCS and self-reported chemical sensitivity in a population sample (full abstract here: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20185366).

Our results suggest that variants in the genes examined are of less importance to MCS than previously reported or that gene-environment interactions or significant degrees of genetic heterogeneity in MCS underlie inconsistent findings in the literature.”

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Dr Sarah Myhill Petition

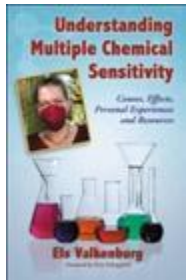
Yet again we have another brave doctor, who has taken a firm stand for the physical basis of modern plague illnesses like M.E., MCS, Electrical Sensitivity, Gulf War Syndrome etc, finding themselves fighting officialdom for their right to practice medicine. We have a great need for doctors who take our illnesses seriously. If you would like to find out more about the work of Dr Myhill, and perhaps show your support for her, then you can easily do both of those via the following web links:

[http://www.drmyhill.co.uk/wiki/Category:Toxic Problems: Pollution and Poisonings](http://www.drmyhill.co.uk/wiki/Category:Toxic_Problems:_Pollution_and_Poisonings)

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/witchhuntofdrsarahmyhill>

New MCS Book

'Understanding Multiple Chemical Sensitivity'



by Els Valkenburg

Apart from a translation error of emphasis in my very modest contribution to this book - which mistakenly has me refer to myself rather arrogantly as an “MCS expert” – this is never-the-less another worthy addition to your growing MCS bookshelf . Written by my good MCS friend Els Valkenburg, I heartily recommend it 😊. Get it here:

<http://www.het-abc-van-mcs.nl>

Oh, and if you have an Ebook reader (lucky thing!) an Ebook version is also available now from those nice people at Amazon!

Until next time – keep safe and well.

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