

The Massachusetts CFIDS/ME & FM Association was pleased and honored to welcome back Anthony Komaroff, M.D., Simcox-Clifford-Higby Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Clinician and Researcher, as the keynote speaker at our Fall 2013 Educational Lecture. The title of Dr. Komaroff's talk was "CFS Research: Recent Progress and Challenges." The lecture took place on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Morse Institute Library in Natick, MA.

A video of this lecture is now available at YouTube.

YouTube links (YouTube versions can be only be accessed from this site or from the direct links; the videos are not searchable on YouTube) Select the lecture or the Questions & Answers segment below:

[Dr. Komaroff's 2013 lecture "CFS Research: Recent Progress and Challenges"](#) (56 minutes)

[Dr. Komaroff's 2013 lecture Questions & Answers](#) (37 minutes)

Some of the highlights from Dr. Komaroff's talk included advancements in gene technology and other methods which have improved the ability to research CFS and other illnesses. Dr. Komaroff explained that every gene can now be identified, but even more important, researchers can determine whether genes are turned on or off and detect changes or abnormalities in this process—these differences are what really matter because they may provide the link to the development of disease. He also reviewed several new treatments that have been studied scientifically and have shown encouraging results. Lastly, Dr. Komaroff emphasized the growing interest in CFS by scientists around the world.