Nationally recognized experts in Long COVID to gather for Tulane symposium

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At right, Dr. Michele Longo, assistant professor of neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, oversees Tulane's Post-COVID Care Clinic, which treats patients who continue to experience symptoms after they recover from COVID-19.

Three years since the virus began spreading around the world, the lingering symptoms caused by COVID-19 are now the third leading neurological disorder affecting people.

Tulane University will host a <u>symposium for healthcare providers</u> on April 21, 2023, that will bring together nationally recognized experts in Long COVID to discuss treatments for the condition, the impact on health systems, and what the future holds for the millions of people with lasting fatigue, brain fog, difficulty breathing, and other chronic health issues.

The event is designed to help physicians and other providers learn the latest treatments and research advances to provide better specialized care for patients who are among the estimated 1 in 5 American adults still suffering from symptoms of Long Covid.

"The public health emergency officially ends in May, but there are many who continue to struggle with the health effects of COVID," said <u>Dr. Michele Longo</u>, assistant professor of neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine. "By bringing together experts from multiple specialties, we will further our understanding and provide much-needed support to those suffering from this complex condition."

The symposium is organized by the Louisiana Community Engagement Alliance Against COVID-19 Disparities, Tulane University School of Medicine, Tulane's Center for Clinical Neurosciences, and the Center for Continuing Education.

There are still many unknowns about why some people deal with symptoms for weeks, months, and even years after getting COVID-19, but the "Post COVID Conditions (Long COVID): Current Status and Future Directions" symposium aims to educate healthcare professionals on the current understanding of the cause, prevalence, evaluation, and management of the condition.

Experts slated to speak include Dr. Priti Patel, medical officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and a host of physicians and researchers from Tulane University School of Medicine. See the full agenda here.

The symposium is open to physicians; advanced practice providers; mental and public health professionals; pharmacists; nurses; social workers; health administrators; residents and other trainees; physical, occupational, and speech therapists; researchers, and community leaders interested in learning about long COVID. There's a discounted registration fee for students, and the event is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. To register, click here.