

The American term “epidemic neuromyasthenia” refers to a condition similar to “ME”.
Icelandic Disease is the original name for the illness.

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