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**Feds Spend $9M for Long COVID Surveillance**

Indiana University and Regenstrief Institute researchers have received a 5-year grant to develop a long Covid surveillance system by mining data from state electronic health records. Proponents of conducting surveillance and research on these individuals say it could be used to find treatments and cures for long Covid.

The grim reality is that long Covid is mostly due to lack of early treatment. The government now paying for long Covid research blocked patient access to the drugs that would have prevented long Covid.

Now that 16 million Americans have long Covid, government is providing $1.15 billion to health care systems for research on the illness. In short, those who participated in creating long Covid patients are now benefiting from conducting research on them.

