

COVID-19 can last for several months. The disease’s “long-haulers” have endured relentless waves of debilitating symptoms—and disbelief from doctors and friends.

July 1, 2020

Young E. COVID-19 can last for several months. The disease’s “long-haulers” have endured relentless waves of debilitating symptoms—and disbelief from doctors and friends. The Atlantic. 2020;June 4:4. <https://psnet.ahrq.gov/issue/covid-19-can-last-several-months-diseases-long-haulers-have-endured-relentless-waves>

[Preconceptions](#) of disease can impact the medical and social response to patients with chronic conditions. This article discusses patients with COVID-19 who survive the virus and describes ineffective support due to lack of understanding and empathy regarding the long-COVID [survivors](#) experience.