Polyneuropathy and Peripheral Neuropathy

Peripheral neuropathy describes damage to the peripheral nervous system, the vast communications network that transmits information from the brain and spinal cord (the central nervous system) to every other part of the body. Peripheral nerves also send sensory information back to the brain and spinal cord, such as a message that the feet are cold or a finger is burned. Damage to the peripheral nervous system interferes with these vital connections. Polyneuropathy is the simultaneous malfunction of many peripheral nerves throughout the body. Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) is a type of acute polyneuropathy and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) is the chronic version of GBS. Please see the Reeve Foundation’s GBS factsheet for more info on it.

Sources: NIH, Merck Manual

http://www.stoppain.org/pain_medicine/polyneuropathy.html
Beth Israel Medical Center Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care: Polyneuropathy

https://www.foundationforpn.org/
Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy
485 Half Day Road, Suite 350
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Phone: 877-883-9942
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The Foundation is a catalyst for advancing innovative therapeutic developments and accelerating a cure for painful neuropathies by funding collaborative efforts of leading scientists and physicians. They strive to raise awareness of peripheral neuropathy through outreach programs to patients, their families and healthcare professionals.

http://www.gbs-cidp.org/
GBS/CIDP Foundation International
104 ½ Forrest Avenue
Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 610-667-0131, 866-224-3301 (Toll-free)
Offers info on chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP).

http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/peripheral-neuropathy/DS00131
Mayo Clinic: Peripheral Neuropathy
MedlinePlus: Chronic Inflammatory Polyneuropathy

MedlinePlus: Peripheral Neuropathy

MedlinePlus: Sensorimotor Polyneuropathy

http://www.merck.com/mmhe/sec06/ch095/ch095h.html?qt=chronic%20inflammatory%20demyelinating&alt=sh
Merck Manual Home Health Handbook: Polyneuropathy

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/cidp/cidp.htm
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Information Page

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Peripheral Neuropathy Fact Sheet

http://www.neuropathy.org/
The Neuropathy Association
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New York, NY 10118
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NA’s mission focuses on helping and healing people with peripheral neuropathy by providing education, support, advocacy and research.

http://www.neuropathyaction.org/
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http://www1.youseemore.com/ReevePRC/default.asp

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