



National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society

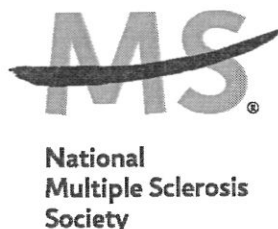
WHAT EVERY NATIONAL MS SOCIETY VOLUNTEER NEEDS TO KNOW

ABOUT MS

- Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body.
- The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS vary from person to person and range from reduced or lost mobility to numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis.
- Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50
- MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

- The Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, collaborating with MS organizations around the world, and providing programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move forward.
- The Society is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. Join the movement at nationalMSSociety.org.



ABOUT PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MS

- The MS Navigator Program (800-344-4867) provides people affected by MS with a customized, compassionate response, connecting them to the resources and support they need.
- The Society's programs address the challenges of MS: access to specialized health care and services, the financial impact, the emotional impact, needs experienced by the family, the need for information, and more.
- The Society facilitates access to MS health care by:
 - providing important information to clinicians
 - establishing and nurturing relationships with health care providers
 - advocating for policies and legislation that support access to care
 - supporting the growth of the MS workforce of the future

ABOUT RESEARCH

- Finding solutions for people with MS is the Society's highest priority:
 - Research is essential to finding solutions that change lives; 2.3 million people with MS worldwide are counting on us.
 - The Society will fuel research through increased investments – a record breaking \$50 million in 2014
- Our approach is both comprehensive and focused; pursuing all promising paths while focusing on three priority areas:
 - Progressive MS
 - Nervous System Repair, including Myelin Repair
 - Wellness and Lifestyle
- The Society is the best investment in driving solutions and changing the world for people with MS.