

Collaboration is at the heart of what the MSC is all about. By working together, we create a dynamic network of support to best meet the needs of the MS community. One of the vital collaborative efforts of the MSC has been to advocate for a new national MS database. As part of the “National Neurological Diseases Surveillance System Act,” the MSC is working to establish a permanent MS surveillance system to measure the incidence and prevalence of MS in the United States. This would provide accurate statistics to help direct future research, plan for healthcare needs, and gain a better understanding of the MS population – particularly in terms of geographic clusters, gender ratio, and disease burden.

Improving the efficiency of services to the MS community means coordinating our efforts. Our goals are to avoid duplication of services, promote resource sharing, and obtain the best results. Through mutual cooperation, we can achieve our goal of providing the best possible resources and services to the MS community. Together we make good things happen.

THE MS COALITION’S PURPOSE

The Multiple Sclerosis Coalition (MSC) was founded in 2005 by three independent multiple sclerosis (MS) organizations in an effort to work together to benefit individuals with MS. Since that time, the MSC has grown to eight member organizations, all of whom provide critical MS programs and services.

The vision of the MSC is to improve the quality of life for those affected by MS through a collaborative network of independent MS organizations. Our mission is to increase opportunities for cooperation and provide greater opportunity to leverage the effective use of resources for the benefit of the MS community.

The primary objectives of the MSC are to educate, advocate, collaborate, and improve the efficiency of services for individuals with MS and those who are close to them. With so much on the horizon in terms of MS research, treatments, advocacy, and symptom management, the MSC provides critical momentum to work together to enhance these exciting MS initiatives and to ensure this collective support continues.

A Collaborative Network of Independent MS Organizations



THE MS COALITION’S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

Education is a continuing need among everyone involved with MS – from medical professionals to patients, family, and friends. World-wide research leads to new treatments and an improved understanding of MS. Topics such as newly diagnosed MS, progressive types of MS, services, and advocacy have been highlighted in educational workshops sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Coalition (MSC). The MSC also has a website which provides important information to the MS community, specifically in terms of emerging therapies.

Advocacy is important in gaining much needed support and funding for research, programs, and awareness. A unified voice generates far greater impact on critical public policy initiatives. One example of how the MSC actively participates is in the support of research funding, making sure the needs of the MS community are heard. Another example is healthcare reform, which is an area of vital concern for all individuals with MS, searching for ways to afford essential medical care, treatments and therapies.



www.ms-coalition.org





ACCELERATED CURE PROJECT FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Accelerated Cure Project is a national nonprofit dedicated to curing MS by determining its causes. Our repository contains samples and data from people with MS and other demyelinating diseases. Samples are available to researchers who submit all data they generate back to the repository to be shared with others.

www.acceleratedcure.org • 781-487-0008



THE CONSORTIUM OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTERS

CMSC provides leadership in clinical research and education; develops vehicles to share information and knowledge among members; disseminates information to the health care community and to persons affected by multiple sclerosis; and develops and implements mechanisms to influence health care delivery.*

www.msca.org • 201-487-1050



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

MSAA is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life for everyone affected by MS. We provide support and direct services such as a Helpline, equipment, MRI assistance, and education through events, publications, and website. Our shared-management programs help individuals manage their MS with their doctors.

www.msassociation.org • 800-532-7667

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FOUNDATION



The MSF's mission is to provide nationally accessible programs and services, to those affected by MS, which in turn, helps them maintain their health, safety, self-sufficiency, and personal well-being. We strive to heighten public awareness of MS in order to elicit financial support while promoting understanding for those diagnosed.

www.msfocus.org • 800-225-6495



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Member Organizations

*The IOMSRT (International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Therapists) is a special interest group of the CMSC representing rehabilitation professionals who specialize in multiple sclerosis. For more information, please visit www.iomsrt.msca.org.

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

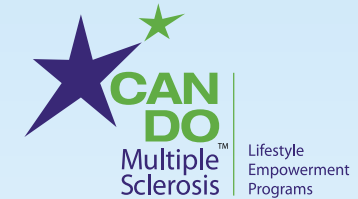


National Multiple Sclerosis Society

The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS NOW – to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. The Society mobilizes people

and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.

www.nationalMSSociety.org • 800-344-4867



CAN DO MS

Can Do MS is a national nonprofit organization and innovative provider of lifestyle empowerment programs for people with MS and their support partners. We empower people to see beyond their MS, giving them knowledge and confidence to adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors, actively co-manage their MS, and transform challenges into possibilities.

www.mscando.org • 800-367-3101



IOMSN International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS NURSES

The IOMSN is the first and only international organization focused solely on the needs and goals of professional nurses, anywhere in the world, who care for people with multiple sclerosis. Mentoring, educating, networking, sharing – the IOMSN supports nurses in their continuing effort to offer HOPE.

www.iomsn.org • 201-487-1050

UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION



United Spinal Association

United Spinal Association is a national nonprofit

organization providing programs and advocacy to improve the quality of life of individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders such as MS, ALS, and spina bifida. The Association also serves veterans with disabilities and publishes the *New Mobility* and *Life in Action* magazines.

www.unitedspinal.org • 718-803-3782