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| National Multiple Sclerosis Society |
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| MS Clinical Care Connection, a resource for healthcare professionals |

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| **News for Health Professionals** |

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| Distinguishing Suspected Multiple Sclerosis from Other Look-Alike Disorders   |
| An international consortium led by the Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in MS (ACTRIMS) has published detailed, updated recommendations for how to distinguish suspected multiple sclerosis from other look-alike disorders. This critical guidance aims to help clinicians rule out other disorders, reducing the time spent to confirm an accurate diagnosis of MS. |
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| [**Learn More**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e3930aa3ac3c4c09098905f70364ccc92096ddae081cce8112b231f958e88677ec0ccbc579c1be63f49bf4f6752cc8a4f5) |

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| Treatment at the First Signs of MS Could Mean Lower Risk of Disability Later  |
| A study of 580 people who had experienced one episode of MS symptoms, found that on average, people who were treated with a disease-modifying therapy within six months of their first MS symptoms had a 45% lower risk of reaching moderate disability than those treated after 16 months. The study adds evidence to the important benefits of early treatment for MS.  |
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| [**Learn More**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e31e44cd9dea5bd439001b8f1751fd2caace86ebc7ea282b584d9b10f988559f28a409c0aedaafbc5b1ffe82687ec388ff) |

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| Scientists Pinpoint Possible Genetic Basis for Progressive MS  |
| An international study of more than 20,000 people with MS identified gene variants linked to faster MS progression. The study also confirmed the role of tobacco smoke in worsening MS and educational attainment to less severe outcomes. |
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| [**Learn More**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e318b80d93293a3465f0dc5f0c3bdcd1b5f0c594c3cc17b6b33cda246190545e7d133a29b30831ee3a8cb2920de5579675) |

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| **Professional Education**  |

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| ECHO MS | Learn more from leading experts in adult and pediatric MS and earn CME | Register Today |

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| ECHO MS Starts This Fall!  |
| The National MS Society developed ECHO MS to improve health outcomes for people affected by MS. Join this webinar series to gain advanced knowledge of MS, earn free CME and make lasting connections with MS specialists and other MS clinicians.**ECHO MS: Care Essentials*** 2 sessions per month for 6 -months from Sept 2023-March 2024 (12 sessions/CME total)
* Ideal for participants who are new to ECHO MS
* Format is a short didactic followed by two case presentations
* Topics: Diagnosing MS, diagnostic red flags, managing an MS relapse, symptom management and more

**ECHO MS: Learning Network*** 1 session on a bi-monthly basis (6 sessions/CME per year) starting in October 2023 (date and time TBD)
* Ideal for participants who have previously completed ECHO MS: Care Essentials
* Topics expand on ECHO MS: Care Essentials and include diagnosing MS/differential diagnosis, family planning, rehabilitation and more

**ECHO MS: International Pediatric*** Vaccine and DMT Strategies in Pediatric MS, September 11, 10:30 a.m. ET

[**Learn More and Register**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e3659d2b8fad32ac331e400f6ea9fe596cbb41258db50a698d6e16af263f08090513e7203c2cd306833dd10f6c113b7e23) |

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| Mental Health Discussion Call Series -- MS and Sexual Dysfunction Treatments  Frederick W. Foley, Ph.D. Thursday, Sept. 21,  2 p.m. ET  |
| Sexual dysfunction occurs in the majority of persons with MS, yet it is largely undiagnosed and untreated.  Sexual dysfunction is associated with significantly lower quality of life ratings in persons with MS.  This seminar will focus on the frequency, type, and severity of sexual challenges persons with MS face, and describe quick screening, assessment, and treatment approaches that have been found to be highly effective in treatment trials.[**Learn More & Register**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e3499c474b5ffdb7ba23e8198c6893330d963df569a60da3d9dd8de55decf550535694454743842ab933d42db76dbeefbe) |

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| **Resources for Your Patients** |

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| Biosimilars: Your Questions Answered    |
| The first biosimilar disease-modifying therapy for MS is expected to launch later this year. A recent Society blog post shares the top five things to know about biosimilars, including what they are and how they are made. [**Learn More**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e33eb7d7d3ddb8f066362e2a29255cee5cce1f00e4f786ba6dbb11d449ba13381e362e1ff6d78ab52823b35daabbe2dde9)

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| Hispanic/Latinx MS Experience Summit   |
| Registration is now open for the second annual Hispanic/Latinx MS Experience Summit. Please help us spread the word about this exciting program. This year’s interactive bilingual virtual program will focus on the emotional and physical challenges of living with MS and will help build community and generate activism by highlighting that Our Voices are Powerful. [**Learn More & Register**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=db965b064d5636e3a85a0a2f80cd6bca95284839215d66978129a477802de1459714784fe8def09c2251528fcaf76d8e6c8ce6bd5d0b6e3d) |

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