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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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| Further Research Needed to Better Understand the Effects MS Has on Indigenous Peoples |
| A new paper, "Multiple sclerosis in Indigenous Peoples of the Americas: A systematic review of incidence, prevalence and outcomes" published in Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders outlines the need for inclusion of Indigenous People (IP) in future MS research. The authors conclude larger studies are needed to evaluate the increase in incidence and prevalence, worse disability, and disparities in MS care in IP. |
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| [**Read the Review**](https://www.msard-journal.com/article/S2211-0348%2823%2900116-5/fulltext) |

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| **Professional Education**  |

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| Health Equity Initiatives Continuing Education Scholarship |
| The National MS Society has a $1,500 scholarship available to subsidize registration costs and travel expenses for healthcare providers caring for people with MS in systemically disadvantaged populations:  |
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| • | Rural populations |
| • | People who are LGBTQ+ |
| • | People from the following racial and ethnic groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black, Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino |
| • | Low socioeconomic populations |
| • | Veterans and service members |
| • | People with progressive MS |

This scholarship is to be used to attend one MS continuing education conference. The Society will accept one application per center/practice per year. Deadline is June 30, 2023 for conferences occurring through September 30, 2023. For more information contact Andreina Barnola at andreina.barnola@nmss.org.[**<< Submit Your Application >>**](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DWAQ-r0jwUyTzcoezrPFig9shj51-e5OjqV0aGOznkNUQVNDREYzQlU4Ukg1N040WUJEQVZTWUY2SC4u&wdLOR=c7B53E6B7-12A4-4B1D-B4B7-65EBB0038DAB) |

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| Current Topics in MS Webinar Series |
| The MS Centers of Excellence (MSCoE) collaborates with the National MS Society to present this quarterly CME/CE series designed to meet the educational needs of the MS healthcare team. Attendees must pre-register in the VA system to receive CME/CE credit.**Wednesday, May 3, 12 p.m. EDT/9 a.m. PDTVocational Rehabilitation** Christina Forster, MA, CRC, National MS Society[**<< View Webinar Details >>**](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/For-Professionals/Clinical-Care/Professional-Education/Current-Topics-in-MS-Webinar-Series) |

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| National MS Society Mental Health Discussion Call |
| **Thursday, May 18, 2 p.m. EDT/11 a.m. PDTSpeech, language and swallowing difficulties in MS – medical and psychosocial implications** Marissa A. Barrera, PhD, MS, MPHIL, MSCS, CCC-SLP, owner, New York Neurogenic SLP and Assistant Dean of Health Sciences at Yeshiva University[**<< Register for the Call >>**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFCLQHB) |

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| ECHO MS: International Pediatric Program |
| **Monday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. EDT/7:30-9 a.m. PDT**The National MS Society and the International Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Study Group invite you to participate in the ECHO MS: International Pediatric program. It is designed to foster international collaboration and increase expertise in pediatric MS and related demyelinating disease. It follows the evidence-based Project ECHO® guided-practice model for reducing healthcare disparities and improving patient outcomes. During each ECHO session, the expert hub panel will lead participants in didactic and case-based discussions on a range of topics, including mental health and cognition, safety and monitoring of disease modifying therapies, and wellness as a therapeutic strategy. Please join us for three 90-minute ECHO sessions and earn up to 4.5 FREE CME credits.[**<< Register Today >>**](https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/SSurvey;jsessionid=00000000.app30115a?NONCE_TOKEN=B7BE4BE4F792D1F56A9BB56499179978&ACTION_REQUIRED=URI_ACTION_USER_REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=96613) |

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| **Resources for Your Patients** |

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| Black MS Experience: Join an Upcoming Community Program |
| **Various dates in April and May** In-person and virtual community programs that will feature a variety of topics and provide opportunities to connect with others in the black MS community, sharing unique stressors, challenges and experiences. |
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| [**View Details**](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Library-Education-Programs/Black-MS-Experience/Group-Discussions) |

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| MSFriends |
| The MSFriends programs connect patients living with MS to volunteers living with MS through two unique programs:  |
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| • | **MSFriends® Helpline** provides confidential conversations by connecting people living with MS via phone for 1:1 peer support with volunteers who know first-hand what it is like to also live with MS. (limited hours, 7 days a week) |
| • | **MSFriends® Paired** program connects individuals to trained volunteers via a pairing process based on selected criteria and mutual interests for ongoing peer support. |

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| **Peer Connections Volunteers** are trained individuals who focus on the needs of people affected by MS needing support. Opportunities include Self-Help Group Leaders, MSFriends, and/or Social Media Moderator. [Learn More about being a Peer Connections Volunteer](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Find-Support/For-Connection-Program-Volunteers). |
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| [**View Details**](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Resources-Support/Find-Support/Connect-with-Peers-One-on-One) |

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| [Pathways to Cures](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/pathways-to-cures)  |  [Read Our Blog](https://momentummagazineonline.com/ms-blog/)  |  [In Your Area](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters)  |  [COVID-19](https://www.nationalmssociety.org/What-you-need-to-know-about-Coronavirus-%28COVID-19%29) |

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| [**DONATE NOW**](https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/Donation2?df_id=63293&63293.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T) |

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