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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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| Help Us Spread MS Awareness in March |
| **MS Awareness Week is March 10-16, 2024**Whether you make a donation, raise your voice to influence policymakers or participate in one of over 300 annual fundraising events, you are helping us move closer to a world free of MS!You can help ensure that more people understand MS and engage them to do something about it. Discover the many ways you can make a difference and spread MS awareness.   * Host themed days at the clinic all week, like an everyone wears orange day.
* Join in and encourage your patients, their loved ones, and your clinic staff to share their MS experience using the [**My MS Moment creator tool**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f5db1ec97034af4fba1fb1ad7f334ab2de854f94dd92ac6c22c42402b9e8544e52fb1fac73e890af04ec0651e6340cfb0).
* Follow and re-post the Society’s social media channels like [**Facebook**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f200cabc48d6420a4d19906b1d6b6dc80ac75b43a5cea97cccb172949772cae602e56b8d5eca26541e9ac3e8ce44bb6a6)and [**Instagram**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fbd985a2d7fb2c38ed9d9da560557a71ae9ff9f99a32ee0c113154e2754da90c8d5821cdc5f9beffff98125978c9485ea)**.**
* Join the Movement and launch your team recruitment and fundraising efforts.
	+ [**Participate**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fcc1b34e3be61609105fc5322b4069e329577813c49356ac1471f478e1e383e502a32e2d7f620b624ed4fb502e694b5dc)
	+ [**Fundraise**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f148b82684f8af3818e02818ad4e422b302192921d5148e416cc533f656f5d1d3dad75cace3d4ab0711695a5d4c8d01f7)
	+ [**Volunteer**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f6ed2655b8c6aebb42f68791edfd08ed1bd0357ded0090f91e6a7251b54dc7412da244181f542b03affdaa5907b0658d2)
	+ [**Advocate**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fa33a3f517d1d514b798a779f1e93dcb40f415cac58f202290bf8df5072b31b169da39dcc41db1c6e66b8967d28886b90)
	+ [**Donate**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f7ade505670d09188b25884889e192f65858c83a27f7f8b0ba87b1dbe80a76081a875845851e146e413a957c117fda65a)

No matter what you do we want to know! Make sure to let your Society Healthcare Access team member know or email **HealthProf\_info@nmss.org** |
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| [**Get Involved**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f59995ccc5eb61d30c3b642434efa85dfc2a49f06874e04e5fd71f8e1355c7d6414463c6e920714ab927f756928c64649) |

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| **Professional Education**  |

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| Health Equity Initiatives Continuing Education Scholarship |
| This scholarship opportunity is for healthcare professionals caring for people with MS in populations that experience health disparities, including:•    Racial and ethnic minority groups•    People with lower socioeconomic status•    Underserved rural communities•    Sexual and gender minority groups•    People with disabilitiesMS specialists, general neurologists, primary care physicians, physician assistants, rehabilitation professionals, social workers, mental health professionals, nurses and nurse practitioners are all eligible.   Apply for the National MS Society $1,500 scholarship which is available to subsidize registration costs and travel expenses to attend one MS continuing education conference of your choice. This is a reimbursable scholarship award. You are invited to request scholarship support no later than June 30, 2024, for conferences occurring through Sept 30, 2024.  Contact Andreina Barnola at **andreina.barnola@nmss.org** for additional information or if you have any questions. [**Complete Request Form**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fe5b6d3e486d0cac2690378b1f358a43eda05feab115ada370acf46d3a388c6dc4b7e912934ba68fcb8fd881896a8a812) |

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| Mental Health Professionals Clinical Discussions  |
| **Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m. ET Topic:** Living Loss -- Identifying Grief and Building Resilience in Care Partners**Presenter:** Audra Sbarra, MSW, LCSW, MSci, Manager, Case Management at the National MS SocietyIt is widely documented that grief can be a precursor to clinical depression. In the care partner community, there is a particular kind of grief that can best be described as a real time, "living loss" due to the complex and rapid changes that people living with MS and their care partners experience. Complicating things further, caring for those living with MS presents a unique set of challenges. This presentation will focus on how clinicians and helpers in the MS community can identify grief, why it matters and how to build resiliency as a factor in assisting care partners. [**Register Here**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fabe6e7c349c9df493267b5e0aaaac27015cde9c319cf5424edad240e7d281da4413d0052e176a508bcb51ff8771a5a01) |

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| **Resources for Your Patients** |

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| Attention Rehabilitation Professionals  |
| The Society, in partnership with the Permobil Foundation, is offering National MS Society members the opportunity to apply for a grant to obtain either a seat elevator or power seat function support on a new Permobil wheelchair order.  Please let your patients know about this resource. Awards are limited and include: * 4 [**seat elevator**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fee30243e88a4583097ec18a34529b54f2d9d66c13281504bbcbc6dad6b935f2c0b6d9ee3aca9ffe6603745a2c36b9755) devices for power wheelchairs (1 per quarter during calendar year 2024) for those unable to obtain private insurance coverage (Medicare now covers these devices)
* 8 [**power seat functions**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f49dbd74b8b91e4c02e8baa05edd8a401ecc179af858b42a0aeebcc918a15f0515b548685be62863e8ad3773d7b134640) (standing feature); 2 per quarter for calendar year 2024

In order to qualify, applicants must: * Be diagnosed with MS or applying for a person diagnosed with MS (if the provider/dealer is completing the application)
* Applications must be approved prior to ordering the new Permobil wheelchair. If approved, the applicant will be notified, and the wheelchair quote will be revised to reflect the donation. The revised quote will be sent to the provider/dealer of the wheelchair. Donation credit cannot be issued if the chair is ordered prior to approval.
* The deadline to apply is the 20th of each month.

Questions can be directed to Permobil Foundation at **info@permobilfoundation.org** or Sarah Danen in MS Navigator Services Delivery at **sarah.danen@nmss.org**. |
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| [**Apply Here**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fbeec3b96e1733772dd86eb736a3b48be7581e90b101fe38233b8527158f1583d1da4e26e3aca26094e97ba44858eb122) |

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| When Patients Ask: How can I participate in research?  |
| The National MS Society provides comprehensive information on opportunities to participate in research studies. People with MS, and sometimes family members, can help advance MS research by:  * volunteering for [**clinical trials**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f350cfabacb920c97f352e1be8aba43b56e9a46b64b11a13f23e46af27a0b75793ef8867cd8a4c0c057fc6c77d82aebfd) and other studies
* responding to [**surveys**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f6ca2bfe1e6de25e5bfde323d7c594799796987e9fc1dc41413144a7586ba5e69f357503f9af808898ccef12c38dd9be1)online
* [**donating DNA**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fd812eb74b41ef37991bd9eb45d134952cc52db0a0e2addcd56988e9a852ab0b94a9b58625a124d799c89b5b74c2bbaf2) from saliva and blood samples
* arranging for brain or spinal cord tissue donation to a [**tissue bank**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f4c5c5d1ae811ff20ce591ab0f42f7373a5d735eb41561b7fec9d66581a590ba762374aa9407f6c35dea07074de1628e4)
* sharing their health experiences and ideas through registries like [**NARCOMS**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f31518c68b63fef7bc5c317e34183ac4727ea09f39076743321ada4bc653ac7de773a79cbe5a2cec09d764da7318f737c) and [**iConquerMS**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fad960513109501a7a9fde4ad77fb7d0085e73759d63e2b9d2f3d55f9ca44c2d3c9bb5c5b7f9077e64910be23d3bd289e)
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| [**Learn More**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fe7573399fc578330b9ed442d735028fb09535d215d7b09202a045d699b3c2ef4f59c2e5db137ded880cf088be000c0c2) |

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| New to MS: Navigating Your Journey Virtual Program |
| Connect and learn with others who are new to MS and who are navigating their own journeys. This program offers information about MS and symptoms, how to manage MS and live well with MS. There will be opportunities to engage with other attendees, ask questions of a healthcare professional and share your own experiences.  |
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| [**Register Here**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f4c1a738381c71364b115ac4c3ae66992943b85c058345b5c9803a5f5d8f738059e7aeb6356b2788bef4c107689f0eb25) |

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| Pathways to Wellness: Women’s Wellness Virtual Series with Vanderbilt Health  |
| **Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. ET** **Topic:** Breastfeeding and the Postpartum Period**Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. ET** **Topic:** Managing Family Life with MS This program series will offer a comprehensive look at how an MS diagnosis affects women’s health and pregnancy. Participants will learn about the latest wellness research, taking a comprehensive approach to a healthy pregnancy with MS. |
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| [**Learn More & Register Here**](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07fd52bd8051469f51110047187f3e6135021a6b01d10f8cde6bddd76ccda61a83fee5f235302d5e3670ba613c1fe2067d1) |

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| [Pathways to Cures](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f8598f9861792d29bcf273eee83e77d1ad6f2d4aaacd4da447a20fef15ed94a209cc55aa29cde197e044730b1307fe166)  |  [Read Our Blog](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f032944162505ba18a47a0c66438c859b641fcb42b19130816e75fa56cd4851112658395b63990bd5cbdd4eab1f0612be)  |  [In Your Area](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f16d80942bd3b200c02ee865b85fe1fd2d7ac693d3078a4cc721e28541ecc725a578e3d36441043cd08d179ed2003a0be)  |  [COVID-19](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f467a3cc2005ddd68a75e2ba9f24987ce08886b040b8509afc32d16981d891d96e43df8c0ad3ef96b835f841736d491e8) |

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| The National Multiple Sclerosis Society  |  733 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10017 USContact us at [nationalMSsociety.org](http://click.email-nmss.org/?qs=d56740c8c438d07f3aa42308aad22e97184c79a96f26f67eaae46260b25b289f07daffb0263f41dbeab6ea0e42207963c871b4e62f988443) or 1-800-344-4867  |

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