

MS Clinical Care Connection

New Website Supports Your MS Practice

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Breaking News

New settlement eases rules on denial of rehabilitation and homebased services for Medicare recipients with chronic illness. <u>ntl.ms/NYTMedicareSettlement</u>

Many with MS will now find it easier to qualify for Medicare coverage of home healthcare, skilled nursing home stays and outpatient rehabilitation therapy under new policy changes. <u>ntl.ms/MedicareCover</u>

Notice of Proposed Settlement nationalMSsociety.org/ ProposedSettlement

Guidance on implementation of the policy change <u>ntl.ms/MedicareStandard</u>

Patient Resources

Financial Resources & Assistance

nationalMSsociety.org/ FinancialAssistance

Initiatives that support independence, safety, health and quality of life for people with MS and their families.

Peer-To-Peer Support Opportunities

nationalMSsociety.org/PeerToPeer Positive personal change can happen through individual effort with the support of others: inperson, by phone, and through the Society's Online Peer Connections

Knowledge Is Power

program.

nationalMSsociety.org/ KnowledgelsPower

A free, at-home educational series for people newly diagnosed and their families. Also available in Spanish. The National MS Society looks forward to partnering with you to promote optimal MS care through our new **MS Clinical Care Network**, a gateway to a variety of innovative resources to support your practice.

- Quick access to discipline-specific information.
- Comprehensive MS management information and links.
- The Society's free *MS Diagnosis and Management* mobile application for iPhone or Android.
- Society-branded slide decks for professional and lay audiences, webinars, robust calendar of CE events, and more.

Visit <u>nationalMSsociety.org/MSClinicalCare</u> and share with a colleague!

Clinical Tools and Resources

nationalMSsociety.org/ClinicalTools

Access tools and resources to support your practice and facilitate clinicianpatient communication. The Tools section includes links to AAN clinical practice guidelines, template health insurance appeal letters, SSDI and private disability claims guidebooks and much more. Under Resources, find info about emerging therapies and symptom management, and a landmark paper guiding clinicians through the complex process of distinguishing multiple sclerosis from other disorders.

Continuing Education Events

nationalMSsociety.org/clinicalCEevents

Explore and access national and local scientific and clinical meetings, online learning opportunities, and publications with CE credits.

Society-Branded Slide Decks

nationalMSsociety.org/ClinicalPracticeSupport (requires login) Access a variety of professional education (by discipline) and patient education slide decks with talking points.

Professional education topics include: Disease Overview; Impact on Families; Mood and Cognition; Sexuality and Intimacy; and Psychosocial Impact of Exacerbations.

Flu Vaccine: Safe and important for your patients

nationalMSsociety.org/vaccinations

- The injectable flu vaccine has been studied extensively in people with MS and is considered safe.
- FluMist®, a live-virus vaccine, is not recommended for people with MS.
- Patients experiencing a relapse should wait 4-6 weeks after relapse onset.
- Flu prevention is important; viral infections can cause MS relapses.