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## **Cognitive Changes in MS – But Testing Normal Featuring: Dr. Anthony Feinstein & Dr. Fred Foley**

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### **Dr. Anthony Feinstein**

You have a patient who's in a job that demands that the intellect should be intact. These—these people, um, have higher IQs to begin with. They come along. They're undergoing neuropsychological testing and the results show that their score are within the normative range. So by definition, they're not cognitively impaired so you give them the good news and then they say “but why can't I do my job?” And the job demands that the intellect should be intact and what seems to be happening is that this little slip from your high pre-morbid levels of intellect the way you are now is enough to push you over the edge and render you dysfunctional in terms of managing a job that's intellectually very demanding.

### **Dr. Fred Foley**

And it's a huge adjustment for the person with MS to readjust themselves and the way they think, the way they learn, the way they work, the way they study, you know, once they develop even one small cognitive impairment. So there is a growing body of evidence and work that is being done that demonstrates that even if a person with MS has a cognitive problem, there is, uh, hope for that person, and there are methods being developed that can help to remediate them.