

Patient Education

Western Multiple Sclerosis Center at UWMC



About the Western Multiple Sclerosis Center at UWMC

History

The Western Multiple Sclerosis Center at UWMC was established in 1977 as one of the first comprehensive MS centers in the country. Dr. George Kraft became director of The Center in 1979. Under his leadership, the center quickly grew into one of the most highly respected MS centers, offering a wide range of rehabilitation services for patients with multiple sclerosis. Dr. James Bowen joined the clinic in 1987 and became Director of Neurology Services in 1989 which extended neurology services to the clinic. The clinic further expanded in the late 1990s with a dramatic increase in the number of appointments available, the development of nursing staff dedicated solely to the care of MS patients, and an additional nurse practitioner on the team.

Today, the Center offers a full range of services to MS patients including diagnosis and treatment. Our staff is knowledgeable about disease treatments, rehabilitation treatments and experimental treatments. Related services are available including neuroimaging, neurosurgery, urology, neuro-ophthalmology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, psychology, psychiatry, social services, vocational services and orthotics. The Western MS Center is a member of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers and affiliated with the Western Washington Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Questions?

Call 206-598-3344

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC Clinic staff are available to help during regular business hours.

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Other Research Centers

The Center is complimented by two research organizations. The Multiple Sclerosis Research Center at UWMC was established in May 1998 in the Department of Neurology. It conducts research on medications as well as studies on the underlying cause of MS. The UW Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center was established in October 1998 as a federally-funded center in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. It conducts research on rehabilitation issues in treating the disease.

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