Multiple Sclerosis Organizations and Agencies

Support and resources for patients, families, and friends

There are many organizations that provide outreach services to patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) and their families. Some services you will find here include support groups, medical equipment loans and grants, newsletters, public awareness campaigns, counseling, MS research and referral programs.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society,
Greater Washington Chapter
192 Nickerson, Suite 100, Seattle, WA  98109
206-284-4236, or 1-800-800-7047, Fax: 206-284-4792
Web site: www.nmsswas.org
This is the largest MS support organization in the region. Services include education, up-to-date information, pamphlets, booklets, lending library, exercise programs, support groups, equipment loans (e.g., cane, walker, wheelchair), and equipment grants up to $300 a year. Money raised supports research, both locally and nationally. Call for a list of educational materials and their lending library list. A regional MS newsletter The Emissary is also offered.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
733 Third Ave., New York, NY  10017
212-986-3240 OR 1-800-FIGHT MS, Fax: 212-986-7981
Web site: www.nationalMSsociety.org
E-mail: info@nmss.org
This is the national organization that supports the local chapter listed above. They are a major supporter of research into the cause and treatment of MS. They provide educational programs, MS literature, news releases and publish a quarterly newsletter titled Inside MS.
Multiple Sclerosis Association of King County
753 N. 35th St., Suite 208, Seattle, WA 98103
206-633-2606, Fax: 206-633-2920
Web site: www.msa-sea.org
E-mail: msa@ccom.net

This organization serves King County of Washington. It provides a number of services that are complementary to and coordinated with those of the Greater Washington Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Some of their services include support groups for newly diagnosed patients, free counseling services, discussion groups about topics relevant to MS, rehabilitation and exercise programs, public education, lending library programs and a newsletter titled Contact.

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
706 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
1-800-833-4MSA, Fax: 856-661-9797 or 856-488-4500
Web site: www.msaa.com
E-mail: msaa@msaa.com

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for those affected by MS through patient care services and expanding public awareness and support. It is a community-based organization.

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Inc.
6350 North Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
954-776-6805 or 1-888-MSFOCUS, Fax: 954-938-8708
Web site: www.msfacts.org

The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Inc. provides information, referral and support services to professionals, those diagnosed with MS, family members and friends. The mission of the MSF is to discover and support conventional, alternative, and complementary healing to cure and treat MS. It publishes an annual magazine, MS Focus, and a bi-monthly bulletin.
Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC)
Gimble MS Center at Holy Name Hospital
718 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ 07666
201-837-0727
Web site: www.mscare.org
E-mail: info@mscare.org

The CMSC is made up of numerous MS centers throughout the US and Canada. It brings together health care professionals from many fields involved in MS patient care.

The North American Research Consortium on Multiple Sclerosis (NARCOMS)
Yale Neuroimmunology Program
P.O. Box 208018, New Haven, CT 06520-8016
1-800-253-7884
Web site: www.mscare.org/narcoms
E-mail: narcoms@mscare.org

NARCOMS is supported by both the NMSS and CMSC. It provides a comprehensive resource on national clinical research on MS. It has a large database of information about MS patients. MS patients are encouraged to contact NARCOMS to participate in the database.

The Myelin Project
2001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite. 225, Washington, DC 20006 or
The Myelin Project Headquarters
2136 Gallows Road, Suite E, Dunn Loring, VA 22027
202-452-8994 or 1-800-8-MYELIN (1-800-869-3546)
Web site: www.myelin.org
E-mail: myelin@erols.com or mp@myelin.org

The Myelin Project is a non-profit organization to accelerate research on the remyelination of the central nervous system. All services are extended to patients, professionals, and the general public. They publish a bi-annual progress report.
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.

Western Multiple Sclerosis Center at UWMC
206-598-3344

MedSupport FSF International
Susan J. Mark, President/CEO, Florida
Web site: www.medsupport.org
E-mail: webmaster@medsupport.org

MedSupport's mission is to educate and support persons with MS and their caregivers; to provide a forum for support and idea sharing; to increase awareness of the community in general and those with MS about the many resources available via the Internet; and to assist in helping persons with MS get online, thereby having a means of contact and socialization as well as support and information. The organization disseminates newsletters and articles in audio, text and on the Internet.

Accent on Information/Accent on Living
Box 700, Bloomington, IL 61702
304-378-2961
Web site: www.blvd.com/accent

Accent is a computerized system of information for the disabled on problems relating to activities of daily living and home management. There is a small charge for a basic search and photocopies, but disabled persons unable to pay are never denied services.