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Over 400,000 Americans have MS, and someone is newly diagnosed each hour. MS typically strikes in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and 50. An MS diagnosis changes a family's life forever. In an effort to create a world free of multiple sclerosis, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds more MS research, offers more services to people with MS, provides more professional education programs and advances more advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world.

Your contribution to the Society helps fund our research and service programs in your community and around the globe.

People with MS rely on us for education, equipment, emotional support, and hope.
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Multiple Sclerosis ... The Facts:

Q: What is multiple sclerosis?

A: Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system in which an overactive immune system attacks the body's own tissue in the brain and spinal cord. The result is a loss of insulating material surrounding the nerve fibers and damage to the nerve fibers themselves. This blocks or scrambles nerve messages.

Q: What are the symptoms of multiple sclerosis?

A: Symptoms vary significantly from person to person and in the same person over time. They range from numbness and tingling, to loss of vision and complete paralysis.

Q: Are there specific treatments?

A: There are now medications available that can impact underlying disease process for those who have a relapsing form of the disease. These drugs can reduce relapses and slow disease activity. There are also many therapies existing to better manage MS symptoms.

Q: What help is available?

A: When individuals are diagnosed with MS, they should work with their physicians to determine their best treatment options. They should also contact the National MS Society by calling 1-800-344-4867, or visiting www.nationalMSSociety.org to obtain accurate unbiased information about MS and to secure services to assist them and their families meet the challenges of living with MS.

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