

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable condition which affects the nervous system. MS can affect people at any age but many people get a diagnosis of MS between the age of 20-50. Around 1 million people living in the U.S have MS, and about 200 new people are diagnosed each week with MS.

The ratio of women with MS to men with MS is 2 : 1.



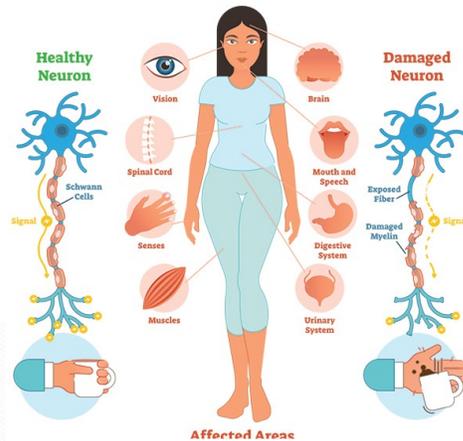
If you have a **parent or sibling** with MS, you have a **1 - 3% chance** of developing it.



An **identical twin** with MS raises your risk to **30%**.



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



Symptoms:

- Walking difficulties
- Numbness and tingling
- Spasticity
- Dizziness and vertigo
- Vision, bladder and bowel problems

MS Symptoms





Diagnosing MS is not simple and takes many tests to determine a diagnosis.

MS is not curable. However, there are many treatments available such as “disease-modifying” medications which can help reduce the number of relapse and delay progression.

Speak with a physician if you have been experiencing any symptoms.



Ways to Spread Awareness!

- Join an MS event (Walking, Biking etc)
- Become an activist
- DIY Fundraising (Do It Yourself Fundraising)
- Go to <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Get-Involved/Raise-Awareness> today and get involved!



Reference: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/What-is-MS>. National Multiple Sclerosis Society. What is MS?. Accessed on February 16th, 2019.