

# MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS

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## What is Multiple Sclerosis?

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Since the exact cause of MS is still unknown, there's no known prevention.

## RISK FACTORS of Multiple Sclerosis

Ratio of women with MS to men may be as high as  
**"three or four to one."**



\*Rate per 100,000 individuals  
Source: National Multiple Sclerosis Society and National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)



**15%** have one or more **family members or relatives** who also have MS.



**Identical twins** have a **1 in 3 chance** to also have the disease.

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## Symptoms and Treatment

According to the MS Foundation, symptoms can impact the mind, body, and senses in a number of ways. Some symptoms include:

- blurred or double vision, or total vision loss
- numbness, tingling, or burning in limbs

- changes in speech
- facial pain
- weakness, fatigue
- tremors, seizures

## Prevalence of Multiple Sclerosis.

Recent findings from a National MS Society study estimate nearly 1 million people in the United States are living with MS. This is more than double the last reported number, and the first national research on MS prevalence since 1975. The society also estimates that 2.3 million people live with MS globally. About 200 new cases are diagnosed each week in the United States, says the MS Discovery Forum.

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS Cases in the U.S.



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