

Accommodation and Compliance Series

Accommodation and Compliance Series: Employees with Multiple Sclerosis

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JAN'S Accommodation and Compliance Series

Introduction

JAN's Accommodation and Compliance Series is designed to help employers determine effective accommodations and comply with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Each publication in the series addresses a specific medical condition and provides information about the condition, ADA information, accommodation ideas, and resources for additional information.

The Accommodation and Compliance Series is a starting point in the accommodation process and may not address every situation. Accommodations should be made on a case by case basis, considering each employee's individual limitations and accommodation needs. Employers are encouraged to contact JAN to discuss specific situations in more detail.

For information on assistive technology and other accommodation ideas, visit JAN's Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) at https://askJAN.org/soar.

Information about Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system. It causes destruction of myelin (a protein that forms a protective coating around nerve cells) in the central nervous system. When myelin is destroyed signals traveling through the nerve cells are interrupted or delayed, resulting in various neurologic symptoms occurring at different locations throughout the body. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of multiple sclerosis in any one person cannot yet be redacted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

Multiple sclerosis is often characterized by a pattern of exacerbation and remission. Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision. Possible symptoms include fatigue, loss of coordination, muscle weakness, spasticity, numbness, slurred speech, visual difficulties, paralysis, muscle cramps, bladder or bowel problems, and sexual dysfunction.

The initial symptoms of MS are most often difficulty walking; abnormal sensations such as numbness or "pins and needles"; and pain and loss of vision due to optic neuritis, an inflammation of the optic nerve. Less common initial symptoms may include tremor; lack of coordination; slurred speech; sudden onset of paralysis, similar to a stroke; and decline in cognitive function.

JAN's <u>Accommodation Solutions: Executive Functioning Deficits</u> is a publication detailing accommodations for individuals with limitations related to executive functioning. These ideas may be helpful in determining accommodations. 11

Multiple Sclerosis and the Americans with Disabilities Act

The ADA does not contain a list of medical conditions that constitute disabilities. Instead, the ADA has a general definition of disability that each person must meet. A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having an impairment. For more information about how to determine whether a person has a disability under the ADA, see <u>How to Determine Whether a Person Has a</u> <u>Disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA)</u>.

Accommodating Employees with Multiple Sclerosis

People with multiple sclerosis may develop some of the limitations discussed below, but seldom develop all of them. Also, the degree of limitation will vary among individuals. Be aware that not all people with multiple sclerosis will need accommodations to perform their jobs and many others may only need a few accommodations. The following is only a sample of the possibilities available. Numerous other accommodation solutions may exist.

Questions to Consider:

- 1. What limitations is the employee experiencing?
- 2. How do these limitations affect the employee and the employee's job performance?
- 3. What specific job tasks are problematic as a result of these limitations?
- 4. What accommodations are available to reduce or eliminate these problems? Are all possible resources being used to determine possible accommodations?
- 5. Once accommodations are in place, would it be useful to meet with the employee to evaluate the effectiveness of the accommodations and to determine whether additional accommodations are needed?
- 6. Do supervisory personnel and employees need training?

Accommodation Ideas:

Limitations

Attentiveness/Concentration

- Alerting Devices
- Alternative Lighting
- Applications (apps)

- Apps for Memory
- Behavior Modification Techniques
- Calendars and Planners
- Cubicle Doors, Shields, and Shades
- Electronic Organizers
- Environmental Sound Machines / Tinnitus Maskers / White Noise Machines
- Flexible Schedule
- Full Spectrum or Natural Lighting Products
- Job Coaches
- Job Restructuring
- Marginal Functions
- Modified Break Schedule
- Noise Canceling Headsets
- Personal On-Site Paging Devices
- Professional Organizers
- Sound Absorption and Sound Proof Panels
- Task Separation
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Timers and Watches
- Uninterrupted "Off" Work Time
- Verbal Cues
- Visual Schedulers
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace
- Written Instructions

Balancing

- Living Independently
 - Bath Chairs
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Grab Bars

- Personal Safety and Fall Alert Devices
- Rollators and Rolling Walkers
- Scooters
- Stair Assists
- Stair Lifts
- Swing Away Grab Bars
- Toileting Aids
- Walkers with Seats
- Walkers
- Moving Around
 - All-Terrain Scooters
 - All-Terrain Wheelchairs
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Personal Transportation and Mobility Products
 - Rollators and Rolling Walkers
 - Scooters
 - Stair Assists
 - Stair Lifts
 - Walkers with Seats
 - Walkers
- Working at Heights
 - Aerial Lifts
 - Fall Protection
 - Rolling Safety Ladders
- Working Safely
 - Anti-fatigue Matting
 - Evacuation Devices
 - Fall Protection
 - Padded Edging
 - Protective Eyewear

Decreased Stamina/Fatigue

- Accessories for Scooters
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- All-Terrain Scooters
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Elevating Wheelchairs
- Ergonomic and Pneumatic Tools
- Ergonomic Assessments
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Examination and Procedures Chair
- Flexible Schedule
- Head Support for Wheelchairs
- Job Restructuring
- Low Task Chair
- Mechanic's Seats and Creepers
- Multi-Purpose Carts
- Periodic Rest Breaks
- Scooters
- Stand-lean Stools
- Stools for Cutting Hair
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Walkers
- Wearable Anti-fatigue Matting
- Wheelchair Accessible Scales
- Wheelchair Mounts
- Wheelchairs
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace

Executive Functioning Deficits

- Apps for Concentration
- Apps for Memory
- Calendars and Planners

- Checklists
- Color Coded System
- Cubicle Doors, Shields, and Shades
- Environmental Sound Machines / Tinnitus Maskers / White Noise Machines
- Extra Time
- Flexible Schedule
- Form Generating Software
- Full Spectrum or Natural Lighting Products
- Job Coaches
- Job Restructuring
- Marginal Functions
- Memory Software
- Modified Break Schedule
- Noise Canceling Earbuds
- Noise Canceling Headsets
- On-site Mentoring
- Recorded Directives, Messages, Materials
- Reminders
- Sound Absorption and Sound Proof Panels
- Speech Recognition Software
- Sun Boxes and Lights
- Sun Simulating Desk Lamps
- Timers and Watches
- Written Instructions

Low Vision

- Accessing Computers
 - Enlarged Keyboard Tops and Labels
 - External Computer Screen Magnification
 - Screen Magnification and Screen Reading Combined
 - Screen Magnification Software

- Accessing Telephones
 - Accessible Mobile Phones
 - Accessible Telephones
 - Apps for Individuals with Vision Impairment
 - Large Button Phones
 - Large Visual Display for Telephone
- Magnifying Materials
 - External Computer Screen Magnification
 - Head-mounted Magnifiers
 - Magnification (Hand or Stand)
 - Portable Video/Electronic Magnifiers
 - Screen Magnification and Screen Reading Combined
 - Screen Magnification Software
- Talking Products
 - Screen Magnification and Screen Reading Combined
 - Talking Alarm Clocks
 - Talking Bar Code Scanner/Reader
 - Talking Blood Glucose Monitors
 - Talking Blood Pressure Monitors
 - Talking Cash Register
 - Talking Color Detector
 - Talking Copier
 - Talking Money Identifier
 - Talking Scales
 - Talking Telephones
 - Talking Watches

Memory Loss

- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Apps for Memory
- Calendars and Planners
- Electronic Organizers

- Job Coaches
- Memory Software
- Professional Organizers
- Recorded Directives, Messages, Materials
- Reminders
- Social Skill Builders
- Support Person
- Verbal Cues
- Visual Schedulers
- Written Instructions

Organizing/Planning/Prioritizing

- Applications (apps)
- Apps for Organization/ Time Management
- Calendars and Planners
- Color-coded Manuals, Outlines, and Maps
- Electronic Organizers
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Job Coaches
- Job Restructuring
- On-site Mentoring
- Organization Software
- Personal On-Site Paging Devices
- Professional Organizers
- Reminders
- Supervisory Methods
- Task Identification
- Task Separation
- Timers and Watches
- Visual Schedulers
- Written Instructions

Temperature Sensitivity

- Sensitivity to Cold
 - Air Deflectors
 - Cold Resistant Gloves
 - Flexible Schedule
 - Heated Clothing
 - Heated Ergonomic and Computer Products
 - Heated Gloves
 - Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
 - Vent Covers
 - Workstation Space Heaters
- Sensitivity to Heat
 - Air Deflectors
 - Cooling Clothing
 - Fans
 - Flexible Schedule
 - Portable Air Conditioners
 - Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
 - Vent Covers

Work-Related Functions

Access Information

- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Adjustable Desk Top Workstations for Office Settings
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Alternative Input Devices
- Alternative Keyboards
- Alternative Mice Limiting Tremors
- Alternative Mice
- Amplified Stethoscopes and Related Products
- Assistive Listening Devices (personal)

- Assistive Listening Devices and Sound Field System
- Audio Descriptive Services
- Braille Notetakers and Personal Digital Assistants
- Braille Printers & Embossers
- Breath and Mouth Controlled Alternative Computer Input Devices
- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)
- Color Contrast Overlays
- Color Identification
- Computer Braille Display
- Enlarged Keyboard Tops and Labels
- External Computer Screen Magnification
- Eye Controlled Alternative Computer Input Devices
- Head Controlled Alternative Computer Input Devices
- Keyguards
- LCD Pen Tablet Displays
- Line Guides
- Locator Dots
- Low Vision Enhancement Products
- Magnification (Hand or Stand)
- On-Screen Keyboards
- One-Handed Keyboards
- Portable or Handheld Readers
- Prism Glasses/Bed Spectacles
- Screen Magnification Software
- Screen Reading Software and Training
- Speech Recognition Software
- Talking Coin Counter/Sorter
- Talking Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Maps
- Talking Money Identifier
- Talking Scales
- Talking Thermometers

• Training Modifications

Communicate

- Accessible Telephones
- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Apps for Individuals Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Assistive Listening Devices (personal)
- Assistive Listening Devices and Sound Field System
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Device
- Behavior Modification Techniques
- Bluetooth Products
- Bone Conduction Technology
- Braille Telephones
- Braille TTY
- Captioned Telephone Calls
- CART Services
- CART Services Remote
- Cellular Telephone Technology: Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Communication Access Technologies
- Electronic Organizers
- Graphics Design Software
- Handheld Computers (General)
- Hands-free Telephones
- Headsets Computer (USB, VOIP etc.)
- Headsets Hearing Aid Compatible, Amplification
- Hearing Carry Over (HCO) TTYs
- Interpreter
- Job Coaches
- Large Visual Display for TTY
- Literacy Skills Development
- Neckloops

- On-site Mentoring
- Outgoing Voice Amplification Telephone
- Paging Products & Services
- Personal On-Site Paging Devices
- Professional Organizers
- Real-time and Off-line Captioning Services
- Scribe/Notetaker
- Service Animal
- Social Skill Builders
- Speech Recognition Software
- Talking Telephones
- Telecoil Compatible Headsets
- Telephone Amplification
- Telephone Flasher
- Test Tube Holders
- TTY Software
- TTYs (Text Telephones)
- Verbal Responses
- Video Relay Services (VRS)
- Video Remote Interpreting Services (VRI)
- Voice Amplification
- Voice-Carry-Over (VCO) Telephones
- Word Prediction/Completion and Macro Software
- Word Processing Software
- Writing/Editing Software

Commute

- Flexible Schedule
- Ridesharing/Carpooling
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Transportation Assistance
- Van Conversion

• Walkers

Manipulate Items

- Adjustable Drafting Tables
- Adjustable Massage Tables
- Aerial Lifts
- Anti-vibration Gloves
- Anti-vibration Tool Wraps
- Auto-dialers
- Automated Filing Systems
- Automatic Door Openers
- Cake Decorating and Baking Equipment
- Compact Mobile Cranes
- Deburring Tools
- Electric Scissors
- Electric Stapler
- Electronic Organizers
- Ergonomic and Pneumatic Tools
- Folding Steps
- Graphics Design Software
- Grip Aids
- Hair Scissors
- Height Adjustable Table Legs
- Large-Rated Small Step Ladders
- Light Switch Extension Handles
- Mechanic's Seats and Creepers
- Pickups, Semis, and Heavy Equipment
- Pipettes
- Professional Organizers
- Rolling Safety Ladders
- Sewing Aids for Individuals with Vision Impairment
- Stair Assists

- Stools for Cutting Hair
- Talking Bar Code Scanner/Reader
- Talking Money Identifier
- Test Tube Holders
- Tool Balancers
- Vacuum Lifts
- Vacuum Pickup Tools
- Wheelchair Trays

Off Site Access

- Accessible Vehicles
- Accessories for Scooters
- All-Terrain Scooters
- All-Terrain Wheelchairs
- Examination and Procedures Chair
- Flexible Schedule
- Head Support for Wheelchairs
- Low Task Chair
- Personal Transportation and Mobility Products
- Scooters
- Stair Assists
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Transportation Assistance
- Van Conversion
- Wheelchair Accessible Scales
- Wheelchair Carts/Trailers
- Wheelchair Mounts

Operate Equipment/Vehicles

- Adjustable Drafting Tables
- Adjustable Massage Tables
- Anti-vibration Gloves

- Anti-vibration Seats
- Anti-vibration Tool Wraps
- Breath and Mouth Controlled Alternative Computer Input Devices
- Convex Mirrors
- Deburring Tools
- Ergonomic and Pneumatic Tools
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Gear Shift Adapter/Extension
- Hand Controls
- Head Controlled Alternative Computer Input Devices
- Height Adjustable Table Legs
- Joystick Driving Systems
- Long-Handled Mirrors
- Mechanic's Seats and Creepers
- Pickups, Semis, and Heavy Equipment
- Seat Belts & Seat Belt Extenders
- Swivel Seats and Seat Extenders
- Talking Cash Register
- Talking Coin Counter/Sorter
- Talking Credit Card Terminal
- Telephone Flasher
- Telescoping Cameras
- Van Conversion
- Vehicle Rear Vision System
- Wheelchair Lifts

Parking

- Accessible Parking Space
- Flexible Schedule
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Wheelchairs

Policies

- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Environmental Sound Machines / Tinnitus Maskers / White Noise Machines
- Flexible Schedule
- Marginal Functions
- Modified Break Schedule
- Periodic Rest Breaks
- Physical/Social Distancing Signage
- Policy Modification
- Reassignment
- Service Animal
- Sleep Alerting Devices
- Strobe Lights
- Supervisory Methods
- Support Animal
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Touchless Faucets

Temperature

- Sensitivity to Cold
 - Air Deflectors
 - Cold Resistant Gloves
 - Flexible Schedule
 - Foot Warmers
 - Heated Clothing
 - Heated Ergonomic and Computer Products
 - Heated Gloves
 - Modified Break Schedule
 - Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
 - Vent Covers

- Workstation Space Heaters
- Sensitivity to Heat
 - Air Deflectors
 - Cooling Clothing
 - Fans
 - Flexible Schedule
 - Modified Break Schedule
 - Personal Visors
 - Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
 - Vent Covers
 - Workstation Space Heaters

Use Cognitive Function

- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Color Coded System
- Counting/Measuring Aids
- Electronic Dictionaries
- Electronic Organizers
- Extra Time
- Fractional, Decimal, Statistical, or Scientific Calculators
- Job Coaches
- Line Guides
- Marginal Functions
- Modified Break Schedule
- On-site Mentoring
- Personal On-Site Paging Devices
- Professional Organizers
- Reassignment
- Reminders
- Service Animal
- Social Skill Builders

- Support Person
- Training Modifications
- Uninterrupted Work Time

Work Site Access

- Accessible Toilets and Toilet Seats
- Accessories for Scooters
- Adjustable Workstations for Industrial Settings
- Adjustable Workstations for Office Settings
- All-Terrain Scooters
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Automatic Door Openers
- Boat Access
- Braille and/or ADA Signage
- Door Knob Grips and Handles
- Examination and Procedures Chair
- Flexible Schedule
- Head Support for Wheelchairs
- High Visibility Floor Tape and Paint
- Low Task Chair
- Portable Ramps
- Ramps
- Scooters
- Service Animal
- Smart Locks/Keyless Entry Locks
- Stair Assists
- Stair Tread/Textured Tape
- Support Animal
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Van Conversion
- Walkers
- Wearable Anti-fatigue Matting

- Wheelchair Accessible Scales
- Wheelchair Carts/Trailers
- Wheelchair Lifts
- Wheelchair Mounts
- Wheelchairs
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace

Work Station Access

- Accessories for Scooters
- Adjustable and Ergonomic School Desks and Equipment
- Adjustable Desk Top Workstations for Office Settings
- Adjustable Workstations for Industrial Settings
- All-Terrain Scooters
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Articulating Keyboard Trays
- Assist Lift Cushions
- Automatic Door Openers
- Chair Mats
- Chairs for Little People
- Chairs for People who are Tall
- Dual Monitors
- Elevating Lift and Office Chairs
- Ergonomic and Adjustable Office Chairs
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Examination and Procedures Chair
- Expanded Keyboards
- Forearm Supports
- Forward Leaning Chairs
- Head Support for Wheelchairs
- Large-Rated Chairs
- Low Task Chair
- Monitor Mirrors

- Monitor Risers
- Mousing Surfaces
- Stair Assists
- Stand-lean Stools
- Supine Workstations
- Van Conversion
- Wheelchair Accessible Scales
- Wheelchair Carts/Trailers
- Wheelchair Mounts
- Wheelchairs
- Work Platforms
- Zero Gravity (reclining) Chairs

Situations and Solutions:

A teacher with multiple sclerosis was having difficulty communicating with students because his speech became soft and slurred when he was fatigued. He was given a personal speech amplifier so he would not have to strain to project his voice, and he was allowed to schedule his classes so he could take periodic breaks.

An engineer with multiple sclerosis was experiencing heat sensitivity.

She was provided a private office where the temperature could be lower than in the rest of the facility. She was also encouraged to communicate with coworkers by telephone or e-mail when possible to reduce the amount of walking she had to do.

A claims representative for an insurance agency was having difficulty reading files due to a vision impairment caused by multiple sclerosis.

His employer purchased a stand magnifier and added task lighting to his workstation.

An employee with multiple sclerosis had fallen multiple times at work, resulting in disruption to the workplace.

After the employer told the employee that the issue needed to be addressed, the employee asked the employer to add a railing along the wall from her desk to the restroom, breakroom, and copy machine room. The employer installed the railing as requested and that addressed the issue.

A retail store manager with multiple sclerosis uses a scooter to move distances throughout the store.

She also has an accessible parking space near the rear entrance of the store.

An insurance agency employee with multiple sclerosis and anxiety requested that the employer permit her to use a service dog on the job for mobility and stress reduction.

The employer agreed to allow the employee to bring her service animal to work, provided training to staff on service animals as workplace accommodations, and installed new doors that were easier for the individual to open.

An operations clerk for a large distribution center was having difficulty working at full production due to fatigue caused by multiple sclerosis.

Her employer moved her to a shift that was not as busy so caused less stress and made less physical demands of the clerk. The clerk was also able to take more frequent breaks on the new shift.

A clerical worker was having difficulty concentrating and remembering job tasks due to cognitive impairment caused by multiple sclerosis.

Her employer added sound-baffle panels to reduce distractions in her work area. In addition, her employer gave her written job duties at the beginning of each day and provided a notebook that contained outlines of what each job duty entailed.

A manager with multiple sclerosis working for a publishing company was having difficulty transferring from her wheelchair to the toilet in the employee restroom. Her employer installed additional grab bars.

An attorney with multiple sclerosis was having difficulty carrying documents to meetings at various locations due to upper extremity weakness. His employer purchased a portable cart that was easy to get in and out of his car.

Products

There are numerous products that can be used to accommodate people with limitations. JAN's Searchable Online Accommodation Resource at https://AskJAN.org/soar is designed to let users explore various accommodation options. Many product vendor lists are accessible through this system; however, JAN provides these lists and many more that are not available on the Web site upon request. Contact JAN directly if you have specific accommodation situations, are looking for products, need vendor information, or are seeking a referral.

Resources

Job Accommodation Network

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The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is a free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the employability of people with disabilities.

Office of Disability Employment Policy

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The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Labor. ODEP provides national leadership to increase employment opportunities for adults and youth with disabilities while striving to eliminate barriers to employment.

ActiveMSers

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Present unbiased, practical info for those with multiple sclerosis, regardless of physical disability.

Inspiration:

Showcase stories of active MSers doing extraordinary things, inspiring all of us.

Connection:

Bring together MSers online to share their active passions and discover new ones.

Attention:

Highlight the active MSer through a continual, targeted public relations campaign in a range of media.

Participation:

Encourage MSers to share successes online, healthcare providers to promote ActiveMSers, and relevent businesses (cooling vest companies, internet brain game sites, ect.) to provide discounts for MSers.

American Chronic Pain Association

P.O. Box 850 Rocklin, CA 95677-0850 Toll Free: (800) 533-3231 Fax: (916) 632-3208 <u>ACPA@theacpa.org</u> <u>http://www.theacpa.org</u>

The purpose of the American Chronic Pain Association is to facilitate peer support and education for individuals with chronic pain and their families so that these individuals may live more fully in spite of their pain.

American Occupational Therapy Association

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therapy practitioners and students of occupational therapy and to improve the quality of occupational therapy services.

American Physical Therapy Association

http://www.moveforwardpt.com/Default.aspx

MoveForwardPT.com is the official consumer information website of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

636 Morris Turnpike Suite 3A Short Hills, NJ 07078 Toll Free: (800) 225-0292 Direct: (973) 379-2690 <u>TeamReeve@ChristopherReeve.org</u> <u>http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.ddJFKRNoFiG/b.4048063/k.67BA/The_Christoph</u> er_amp_Dana_Reeve_Foundation_Paralysis_amp_Spinal_Cord_Injury.htm

The Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.

Independent Living Research Utilization Program

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MedlinePlus

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The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation provides a comprehensive approach to helping people with MS maintain their health and well-being. We offer programming and support to keep them self-sufficient and their homes safe, while our educational programs heighten public awareness and promote understanding about the disease.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

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The MS Society provides services to people with multiple sclerosis and their families and funds research to find the cause and cure for this disease.

National Association for Continence

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The focus of the National Association for Continence is to provide quality continence care through education, collaboration, and advocacy. We offer up many different avenues so you can start to have important and meaningful conversation about your experience with incontinence. Here you can read in-depth explanations and get straight talk about every type of continence from medical experts. We can even help you connect with physicians local to you who specialize in dealing with this life-altering condition.

National Center for Biotechnology Information

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The NINDS, an agency of the U.S. Federal Government and a component of the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Public Health Service, is a lead agency for the congressionally designated Decade of the Brain, and the leading supporter of biomedical research on disorders of the brain and nervous system.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

733 Third Ave., 3rd Floor New York, NY 10017 Toll Free: (800) 344-4867 http://www.nationalmssociety.org

The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn't.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

55 Kenosia Avenue Danbury, CT 06813-1968 Toll Free: (800) 999-6673 Direct: (203) 744-0100 Fax: (203) 263-9938 http://www.rarediseases.org

NORD is a unique federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service.

Remedy's Health Communites

http://www.healthcommunities.com

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Our mission is to empower patients and caregivers with the information and applications needed to efficiently navigate the healthcare landscape and as a result, to permit better health outcomes through use of our products and services.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Toll Free: (844) 698-2311 http://www.va.gov/

The Agency is responsible for providing employment, training, educational and reemployment rights information and assistance to veterans, and other military personnel who are preparing to transition from the military. Also provide hearing aids. All World War I veterans are eligible to receive free hearing aids. Other veterans can receive free hearing aids if their hearing loss is at least 50% service-related.

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