

We need candidates to ACT now to #MakeMSMatter this federal election!

KEY ACTIONS



Employment Security

People with MS want to work but struggle to continue to work. A staggering 60% are unemployed and that needs to change. We need to update the definition of disability to include episodic (periods of wellness followed by periods of disability).

- Implement 11 recommendations regarding episodic disabilities in the Motion M-192 report
- Increase Employment Insurance (EI) Sickness Benefits from 15 weeks to 26 weeks



Income Security

The cost of paying for medication, services, equipment, and treatment is a significant burden for people with MS and their families. When MS stops someone from working, they should be able to access adequate income and disability support.

- Make the Disability Tax Credit refundable



Access

MS is unpredictable, episodic and progressive which means the needs of people with MS change over time. Access throughout our communities and access to comprehensive treatment, care and appropriate housing is a must.

- Implement the Accessible Canada Act
- Through intergovernmental health agreements, invest in comprehensive homecare (includes personal and nursing care and in-home supports) and for those unable to remain at home, fund the development of age-appropriate specialized housing through the national housing strategy
- Increase access to Health Canada approved treatments as early intervention is vital



Accelerating Research

Research is key to new treatments, better quality of life, and ultimately a cure.

- Continue to invest in basic scientific research
- Connect with health charities to ensure the patient voice is part of the research priority setting
- Partner with health charities to turn innovative research into real-life treatments

GENERAL INFORMATION

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an autoimmune disease of the brain and spinal cord.

1. It is unpredictable.
2. Its effects are physical, emotional and financial.
3. Currently, there is no cure.

CANADA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF MS IN THE WORLD.

1 in 385
CANADIANS LIVES WITH MS.

MS STATS

- 1 On average, 11 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day.
- 2 Women are 3 times more likely than men to be diagnosed with MS.
- 3 Canada is home to some of the world's leading MS researchers.



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