

MS Canada: Connecting with Community

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Multiple sclerosis (MS) affects people around the world, all nationalities, both men and women, and all ages. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world with an estimated 90,000 Canadians living with the diagnosis and on average, 12 Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. Most people are diagnosed between ages 20 and 49, and the unpredictable effects of the disease will last for the rest of their lives. This session will provide an opportunity to learn about multiple sclerosis, plus MS Canada's purpose and efforts.

Learning Outcomes:

- Audience will achieve a basic understanding of what multiple sclerosis (MS) is, how it is diagnosed and treated, the programs and services offered, plus ways to get involved to support MS Canada's mission and goals.
- Audience will learn ways to connect with MS Canada for their information and support needs.

Speakers:

Laurie Murphy, Specialist - Education / MS Canada

Laurie conducts community education presentations across Canada to a variety of audiences. She is committed to increasing awareness about multiple sclerosis (MS) and what MS Canada does to support people affected by MS, those on the road to diagnosis, and anyone else that wants to be part of the MS Community or desires to learn more about the disease and organization. MS Canada's mission is to 'connect and empower the MS Community to create positive change', and for over 30 years Laurie has been very mission-driven to accomplish that goal. Laurie is the lead for the Education Portfolio. In addition to managing and conducting community education, she produces the MS Hear From The Experts and MS 101 Newly Diagnosed webinars. Committed to making an impact on the quality of life for people affected by MS and their families, she will continue to work towards the organization's vision of a world free of MS.



Target Audience: Anyone interested in learning more about multiple sclerosis (MS), and what MS Canada does

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