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Spotlight

Champions of Impact: Community Representative Program

Our [Community Representative program](#) was created in 2012 with the goal of involving people affected by MS in our research review process. Through this program, we hope to give people affected by MS a voice to share their opinions on MS research priorities and ensure that fundraised dollars are spent on impactful research that will ultimately improve the lives of people with MS. To-date, we've engaged over 65 Community Representatives from across Canada – a talented pool of individuals who have been instrumental in shaping the research we fund!

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"I loved participating in lively discussions that lay the groundwork for developments in MS management. It was great to see the level of engagement the researchers bring to the table."

-Geoff Robinson, Community Representative



[Geoff in a pink checkered shirt]

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What's the latest in research?

Research Advances that are Paving the Way to a Future Without MS

As we reflect on this past year in research, we are proud to highlight the great work and progress that's advancing our understanding of multiple sclerosis (MS). Advances in research are only possible through the valuable contributions and generous support from our amazing MS community, including people living with MS, event participants, volunteers, fundraisers, donors, research partners,

researchers, clinicians, and many others. Your unwavering support and dedication are helping us move closer towards a future free of MS.

In 2024, we've maximized impact through global partnerships, strengthened community connections and empowered the next generation of MS leaders!

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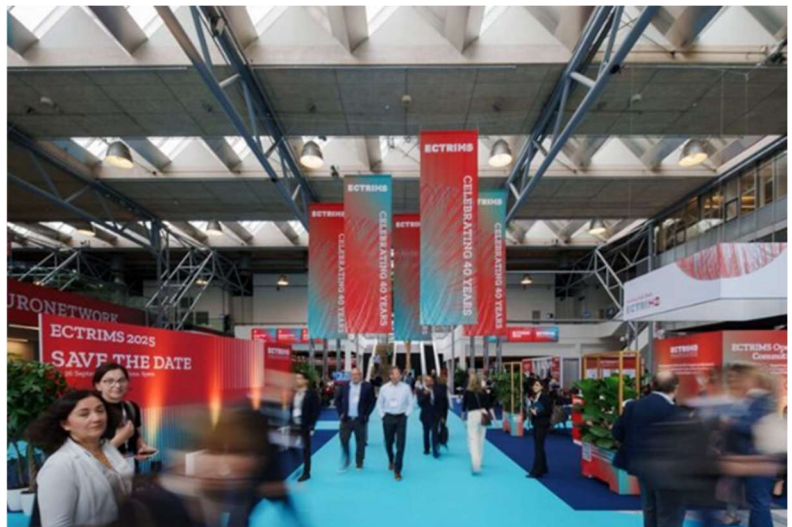
“When you’re diagnosed with MS you have no idea that beyond your immediate support and your medical support, that there is a whole community of people that don’t know you at all, but they have your very best interests at heart and are devoting their life’s work...to making the world a better place for you.”

-Sue Whittaker, MS Ambassador and Community Representative

[Sue Whittaker at a microphone at the endMS Conference]

Frontiers in MS Research: ECTRIMS 2024 Highlights

[ECTRIMS](#) – the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis – marked its 40th anniversary in September at an annual conference in Denmark. This year’s theme, *“Dedicated to the dedicated,”* celebrated the collective journey and unwavering dedication of the MS community in advancing research and enhancing the lives of those affected by MS. The conference featured cutting-edge topics, like advances in MS diagnosis, emerging therapies for MS, and current perspectives on aging and MS.



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[ECTRIMS meeting hall with welcome banners, industry booths, and people networking]

Findings From the First Global Landscape Analysis of MS Research Funding

The first-ever landscape analysis of MS research funding from government and non-profit organizations around the world, including MS Canada, revealed that there were over 2,300 MS research projects

between 2021-2023 valued at nearly 1.5 billion euros. The majority of funding was allocated to projects belonging to the Pathways to Cures [Stop](#) pathway, followed by [Restore](#), then [End](#). This assessment is the first step toward understanding how the global community invests in MS research and provides insight into how funders and researchers can better align resources to optimize impact and speed progress toward MS cures.

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Refined Pathways to Cures Research Roadmap for MS

A new update to the [Pathways to Cures Roadmap](#) outlines current research priorities with the greatest potential to stop MS, restore function and repair damage, and end MS through prevention. The updated Roadmap takes into account new scientific advances in MS and provides recommendations to accelerate the development of MS cures through coordinated global efforts. We support this Roadmap along with many other MS organizations worldwide.

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Stay up to date on MS Research

We're committed to sharing information and resources that are accurate, current, and accessible in different ways to people living with MS, their caregivers, family and friends. Learn more about MS research and stay informed on recent advances by checking out the [research resources](#) we offer across our website!

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Get involved and make a difference

Take action and create impact at MS Walk on Sunday May 25, 2025

Join us this May, and walk alongside tens of thousands of Canadians, to show that no person living with multiple sclerosis is alone. Fundraise to make lives better for people living with MS. Register for MS Walk today as we walk toward living in a world free of MS.

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[MS WALK Logo]

Would you like to learn about the latest in MS from the experts?

[MS Hear From The Experts](#) is a series of webinars that aim to help people better understand MS, highlight MS-related resources, and provide tools and tips to navigate their MS journey with more knowledge and confidence. Keep an eye out for [upcoming webinars](#), and in the meantime you can check out videos from our past sessions [here](#).

Interested in participating in research?

How does gender impact health for women with MS? A research team at Memorial University of Newfoundland is seeking participants for a nationwide study that seeks to understand how gender impacts the health and physical, social and mental well-being of women with MS in Canada.

Are you eligible to participate? If you live with MS, over the age of 18, self-identify as a woman and reside in Canada, your participation in an interview could provide insight on how to better support women with MS and inform future research.

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Learn more about clinical trials and how to participate. Search clinical trials across Canada using: [Clinical Trials Ontario](#) (includes trials across Canada) or [Clinical Trials Quebec](#) to find clinical trials in your area.



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