WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF RESEARCH



New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust

Knowledge brings hope

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AFFECTS REAL PEOPLE

People with Multiple Sclerosis suffer physically, emotionally and financially – as do their families.

Despite the significant health burden of Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand, medical researchers still do not know what causes Multiple Sclerosis, or how to cure it.

However, discoveries are continually improving patient health outcomes.

OUR

To stimulate, and support New Zealand-based research into the cause, prevention, and treatment of Multiple Sclerosis in the hope of a cure.

We are committed to several tasks, critical to the achievement of our mission. These actions form the core of our focus as we strive to make a difference.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN by providing Research and educationbased funding so NZ based doctors, nurses and researchers are encouraged to stay and work in NZ.

COLLABORATE with other researchers and organisations to maximise the impact of our funding.

COMMUNICATE research outcomes to people with Multiple Sclerosis, their families, carers and wider community.

FUND research and welcome opportunities to co-fund and actively seeks out partnerships to increase our reach and impact.

ENCOURAGE the application of clinical research outputs into practical programmes that improve the quality of life for people with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand

MAKE SUBMISSIONS to relevant Government, health authorities and funding bodies to further our mission.

RESEARCH IS A MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE WORLD. WITHOUT RESEARCH THERE IS NO CURE

We make a real difference in the lives of people with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand through research. It's our passion.

Launched in 2015, we founded the Trust to meet pressing research needs in New Zealand. Driven by our passion and guided by our vision, we are adding significant value to New Zealanders with Multiple Sclerosis.

There is a pressing need for New Zealand-based research. So much about Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand is still unknown.

Robust research communities underpin strong medical and clinical workforces. Research creates opportunities that will attract and retain key medical professionals.



Below are just some of the projects we are funding.

Recent Grants have been made for:

- The introduction of MSBase An international online registry for neurologists studying multiple sclerosis) into a hospital Neurology department.
- Funding for research into the role of T cells in PwMS who have had stem cell treatment.
- Research Generating oligodendrocytes from adult human skin for the treatment of MS.
- Research From cancer to pain, testing a clinically used cancer medicine to treat neuropathic pain in MS.
- Funding for a neurophysiotherapist, two specialist MS nurses to attend the worlds largest conference. The European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS).

3.1 The ratio of women to men who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis.





67% of the working age people with Multiple Sclerosis change their work status because of their condition.

54% of New Zealanders with Multiple Sclerosis no longer work because of their condition.

4,000+ The number of people diagnose with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand

37.8 is the average age that New Zealanders first develop symptoms.



Age of Onset (years)

All data based on the MS Prevalence Study (2006) and MS Incidence Study (2012-14), both funded by Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make a one-off or regular DONATION at www.msresearch.org.nz.

Consider providing your professional services on a PRO BONO basis.

Make PAYROLL DONATION direct from your pay. For every \$ you donate, you get 33.33 cents back as a tax credit.

LEAVE A LEGACY and consider leaving a gift in your will.

Amazing people like you, who choose to leave a gift in their will to the NZ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST help us to provide hope and support to all who live with and are affected by MS.

Ground-breaking research - We work with Research organisations across New Zealand and make grants available to stimulate research that is meaningful to people with MS.

Education -The Trust also supports current clinicians and researchers to upskill complete further formal training or attend national and international MS research conferences.

Every big breakthrough is the result of years of hard work. That's why your ongoing support is so important to people affected by MS in New Zealand.

Leaving a legacy gift to the NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST is a wonderful way to ensure your generosity lives beyond your lifetime and a great way for you to be remembered. **Competent management** - Our Trustees include doctors who are researchers, experienced health administrators and people affected by MS. Our funds are professionally managed ensuring a careful balance between maximising income and growing our funds for the future.



LET YOUR GENEROSITY LIVE BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

A gift in your will is a gift for generations to come

If you are interested in leaving a gift to us in your will, the first thing you should do is contact your solicitor.

They can talk you through your options, and help you to realise your intentions, after you've taken care of your nearest and dearest.

They may like to use the following paragraph drafted specially for this purpose:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ ______ (or) ____ % of my estate, (or) residue of my estate, (or) property or assets: free of all charges, to the New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust.

The official receipt of the Chief Executive or other authorised officer of the Trustee is an absolute discharge to my executors."

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

To use your lasting gift with care and efficiency and for the maximum benefit of people affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

> To treat anything you share with us as private and confidential.

To respect your right to change your mind at any time.

If you have made plans to make a bequest in your will, please let us know as we would love the opportunity to say **thank you for passing your passion for life onto future generations!**









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