

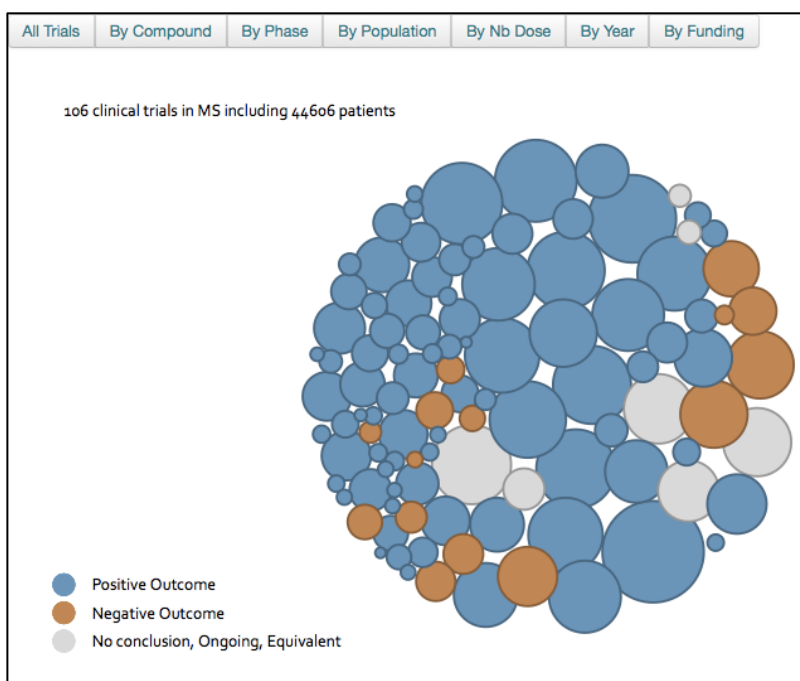


Multiple Sclerosis Discovery Forum

MSDF aims to:

- Foster communication and collaboration
- Encourage basic researchers to think in a more applied way
- Provide information about clinical implications of basic research
- Consolidate information about drug development and potential drug targets
- Provide a neutral venue that does not push the agenda of any particular researcher or institution
- Organize and disseminate tools and resources that enhance the efficiency of research

The Multiple Sclerosis Discovery Forum (MSDF; <http://msdiscovery.org>) is a news and information site for MS researchers and clinicians. We aim to accelerate progress toward cures for multiple sclerosis and related disorders by sparking new ideas and catalyzing unforeseen connections. The site focuses attention on what is known and not yet known about the causes of these conditions, their pathological mechanisms, and potential ways to intervene. By communicating this information in a way that builds bridges among different disciplines, we will open new routes toward significant clinical advances.



One of the many data visualizations that can be seen on MSDF.

Here's what you'll find on MSDF

News and Future Directions:

- Timely articles on important new findings
- Articles that synthesize critical research areas
- Provocative blogs, essays, and opinion pieces
- Forums and comments
- A weekly podcast

Research Resources:

- Data visualizations
- Drug-development pipeline
- Animal models
- Clinical trials
- Links to tissue and data repositories

Professional Resources:

- Funding opportunities
- Job openings
- List of upcoming meetings and events
- Member directory

Motivation

Investigators face a daunting task as they strive to run their research programs while keeping up with key discoveries in their own area of expertise, never mind other disciplines. Even vaster rifts often exist among the worlds of basic, clinical, and applied research. Furthermore, useful information is scattered in scores of publications rather

than consolidated in a single, central location; conversations that begin at scientific conferences often stall after participants go home—and their content is not accessible to the larger community; and novel ideas get buried under scads of papers that explore the hypothesis of the moment. These bottlenecks demand attention if the community is going to effectively tackle multiple sclerosis.

Methods

MSDF helps researchers across the globe stay abreast of key findings by delivering high-quality news and information about topics of relevance to multiple sclerosis and other demyelinating disorders. It hosts discussions about controversial subjects and provides a forum in which many viewpoints can be considered as members of the research community strategize about possible new approaches toward understanding the disease's underpinnings and devising therapies. MSDF is designed for researchers, although access is free and open to all visitors.

MSDF welcomes your input. Please contact us about ways to improve the site, better serve the community, and help catalyze progress.

Community

A group of professional science writers and editors oversees MSDF and produces much of the site's content. The staff works in close collaboration with a distinguished scientific advisory board and under the auspices of the Accelerated Cure Project for Multiple Sclerosis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to curing MS by determining its causes. Members of the research community initiate and participate in discussions, suggest story ideas, and communicate needs for centralized online resources that would help them succeed in their collective effort to untangle the causes of this devastating illness and develop therapeutic compounds and strategies.

Recent articles:

- Phase 1 Results Reported for Anti-LINGO-1 Remyelination Agent
- Deep Brain Stimulation Helpful in Some Patients With MS Tremor
- Gene Polymorphism Associated With Slower Evoked Potential Latency
- Peripheral B Cell Activation May Drive CNS Autoimmunity in MS
- Lower Risk of MS in People With HIV
- MRI Detects Early MS-Like Changes in Rare Eye Disease
- Physical Activity Associated With Improved Quality of Life in People With MS
- Epigenetics in MS: A Primer
- MS Family Planning 101: Should DMTs Be Discontinued Before and During Pregnancy?

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