

A cure for multiple sclerosis will only be possible through research. **Your support** makes our work and a cure possible.

ACP Repository

Launched in 2005, the ACP Repository has provided blood samples and data to more than 150 research teams around the world. These scientists are working to unlock the mysteries of MS so the disease can be diagnosed more quickly, treated more effectively, and cured.

Did you know?

In 2022, researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health published a paper implicating the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) as a potential cause of MS.

Investigators in this study previously used ACP Repository samples to explore different facets of the link between EBV and MS, providing a foundation for this groundbreaking discovery.

iConquerMS

More than 8,000 people affected by MS are members of iConquerMS, participating in research as *partners*, not *subjects*. Through iConquerMS, members collaborate with researchers, clinicians, and funders to define what research questions get asked, how research studies are designed, how study success is measured, and how research evidence is disseminated and integrated into care.

NEW AND NEXT

The launch of iConquerMS Kids & Teens invites youth diagnosed with pediatric MS and their families to work collaboratively with researchers.

In 2023, we'll launch iConquerMS Caregivers, a one-of-a-kind resource to support the role of MS caregivers in research and to fuel research to address their specific needs and priorities.

We are expanding efforts to share research evidence with the MS community in understandable and actionable ways and provide the information they need to guide their health-related decisions.



Data

Our understanding of MS, what causes it, how to treat it, and what will cure it, relies on the availability of large amounts of data from people living with MS and the tools and opportunities to analyze it.

ACP houses an ever-growing database of vital information, made readily and openly available to scientists worldwide with the knowledge and tools to mine this data for discoveries and answers.

Collaboration

Everything we do at ACP is grounded in our collaborative approach and our commitment to engaging all stakeholders. The research resources we offer to each and every researcher around the globe are developed in collaboration with people affected by MS – the lived experience experts – as well as researchers, clinicians, funders, and other MS organizations. Through this collaboration, we're accelerating people-centered and people-powered MS research that is focused on the highest priorities of people affected by MS.

Inclusive Research Engagement

When people affected by MS are left out of the research process due to their age, sex, race, ethnicity, level of disability, or other factors, the evidence generated doesn't apply to them and others like them. We are working to identify and overcome the barriers that make MS research unavailable to some, in an effort to provide inclusive and equitable access to research opportunities.

No other MS organization provides the resources and opportunities for the integration of the patient and caregiver voice in MS research than ACP. This research will enable faster diagnoses, more effective treatments, interventions that improve quality-of-life, and a cure.

