

Accelerated Cure Project for MS

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Repository Spotlight – Dr. Farren Briggs, Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Farren Briggs and his team at the Neuroimmunological Disorders Gene-Environment Epidemiology Lab at Case Western Reserve University recently uncovered interesting new information about the relationship between MS and comorbid autoimmune conditions. Their research characterized 1,500 ACP Repository participants with MS and another autoimmune disease, as well as those with a family history of autoimmunity. For the purposes of the study, this was a representative sample of the general MS population in the United States. Subjects were classified as “polyautoimmune” if they reported having a second autoimmune disease. Results showed polyautoimmunity in people with MS is greater among women, older and more educated individuals, those with a personal history of obesity, and those with a family history of autoimmunity. In addition, data suggest non-white people with MS are less likely to report a history of autoimmune disease than white people with MS. This study was presented at the [2019 ACTRIMS Forum](#) at the end of February. The ACP Repository has been an invaluable resource for this, and more than one hundred other studies. These data will be shared with and built upon by other MS researchers, advancing our understanding of the cause and effect of MS in the lives of those living with the disease. Advances such as these bring us closer to better treatments and a cure.

