

July 2022 Newsletter



July 2022 iConquerMS Spotlight

Don't miss our Chat with Chat webinar series!

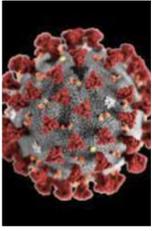
Hosted by our research collaborator Chat Ngorsuraches, the Chat with Chat webinar series provides a glimpse at the researchers working with iConquerMS, what they study, and how their work will benefit people with MS. In case you missed (or would like to revisit) any past episodes, here is a summary of the topics that have been covered to date:



In [Episode 1](#), Chat spoke about his own research. He looked at various attributes of MS disease modifying therapies (DMTs) and found that neurologists and people with MS rank their importance differently. Tune in to hear the details!



In [Episode 2](#), Chat spoke with Dr. Nina Bozinov about factors that affect quality of life for people with MS. Her research shows that things like increased disability, insurance type, living alone and a person's gender affect wellbeing in both positive and negative ways. Want to learn more? Take a moment to share in the conversation!



In [Episode 3](#), Chat spoke with Dr. Farrah Mateen about what we've learned about COVID-19 and MS. Even though less than 1% of iConquerMS members reporting having had COVID-19, the virus still had a high impact on health behaviors, MS care access, use of DMTs, employment and all aspects of social life. These findings are just a click away!



In [Episode 4](#), Chat spoke with Dr. Farren Briggs about COVID-19 vaccine safety. iConquerMS data shows the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were both effective in preventing COVID-19 symptoms in people with MS. Vaccination also reduced the chance of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. [Click here for more information!](#)



In [Episode 5](#), Special guest Hollie Schmidt spoke with Dr. Mitch Wallin about telemedicine and MS. Dr. Wallin shared evidence that telemedicine provided a safe, easily accessible way to provide care for people with MS during the pandemic. However, it also had limitations. Are you curious what they were? [Join in the discussion!](#)



In [Episode 6](#), Chat spoke with Annabel Decamps from Icometrix, a company that develops software and services that help people view, store, and analyze medical images such as MRIs. Icometrix surveyed the iConquerMS community about access to their own MRI files. This presentation summarized results from this survey. [Listen in to learn more!](#)

A heartfelt thank you to Chat and his colleagues for making this educational resource possible. Stay tuned for future episodes!

