iConquerMS Spotlight – Last call for REAL MS surveys!

**REAL MS™** (Research Engagement About Life with MS) is an ongoing study of MS, launched by iConquerMS™ two years ago. Study participants periodically provide information about their MS experience by completing surveys through the iConquerMS portal. These data will play a crucial role in helping researchers and clinicians better understand the health and quality of life for people with MS over time, and will facilitate research into more effective, personalized treatments for MS patients. To date, 60% of iConquerMS members (more than 2,800 people) have completed at least one REAL MS survey. We are grateful for the wealth of information collected so far. It may be key to unlocking the mysteries of MS and other demyelinating diseases.

REAL MS participants have been invited to complete five rounds of surveys to date, the most recent of which was released in September. These questionnaires will be available until November 26th. If you haven’t already done so, please complete yours today! All iConquerMS members are invited to participate in REAL MS. Many of the surveys are quick and easy, some taking less than a minute to complete. If you aren’t already a member of iConquerMS, please consider joining this powerful network. Our goal is to provide researchers with the most accurate representation of the entire MS population possible. Maximizing enrollment and participation in REAL MS will result in a clearer picture of what living with MS is really like. Every piece of data expands the pool of information that researchers can
draw from. According to Laura Kolaczkowski, Lead Patient Representative and Co-Principal Investigator of iConquerMS, “The power of so many of us coming together to share our experiences with MS in a way that can be measured and used by researchers can’t be overstated… REAL MS is the first real look at MS as it personally pertains to me, and others who live with this disease… I love knowing that when I see my children and grandchildren, I can say I did my best to help solve the question of MS by being part of REAL MS… This is a contribution I make that millions of people will benefit from, but especially my own family.”