

# October 2022 Newsletter



## October 2022 iConquerMS Spotlight

[iConquerMS](#) members are part of a community that is making a difference! Read on to learn about the progress the initiative is enabling and how you can get involved! Not already an iConquerMS member? Please consider [joining](#) today!



## **Review the iConquerMS research portfolio – Learn more about the studies iConquerMS has made possible and the evidence being generated!**

The iConquerMS community has made many studies possible over the years, and now there's a convenient place to track their status and review the findings. On the



new [Research Projects](#) page, you can find summaries of studies that are completed or in progress. For studies that have published their results, links to those reports and presentations are provided for those who would like to learn more. We'll be posting additional summaries over time and would love to know what you think, so please [email us](#) with any feedback!

## Learn about the latest COVER-MS developments

One of the studies featured on the Research Projects page is the COVER-MS study of COVID-19 vaccinations in people with MS. The study team has already published data on the safety of these vaccines, and now we're exploring their effectiveness in preventing COVID-19. Through a partnership with Quest Diagnostics, blood samples donated by COVER-MS participants are being analyzed to determine how MS drugs and other factors affect the immune response to COVID-19. You can learn more about this sub-study [here](#), and **enrollment is still open if you'd like to join**. Thanks to all COVER-MS participants for your help in the continued fight against COVID-19!



## Help people with MS succeed in the workplace

People with MS often have to leave the workforce before they're ready to, but it doesn't have to be this way. Our newest research survey is gathering information about work-related challenges and resources for people with MS. The results will be used to develop personalized tools that help people with MS make employment decisions and access resources to stay employed. **If you're currently employed or were employed in the past 5 years, we hope you will take this survey and share your valuable perspectives.** To participate, [log into your iConquerMS account](#), click "View and Complete My Research Surveys," and then click on the survey named "Employment Experiences and Resources." Participants will be entered into a gift card drawing. Thank you!



## Don't miss the Chat with Chat webinars!

Hosted by our research partner Chat Ngorsuraches from Auburn University, the Chat with Chat webinars are a great way to take a deeper dive into the research iConquerMS is supporting and conducting. Attendees are welcome to ask questions or just listen. To date, Chat has hosted 8 webinars (listed below) on a wide variety of topics.



In [Episode 1](#), Chat spoke about his own research to better understand how people living with MS value disease modifying therapies.

In [Episode 2](#), Chat spoke with Dr. Nina Bozinov about factors that affect quality of life for people with MS

In [Episode 3](#), Chat spoke with Dr. Farrah Mateen about what we've learned about COVID-19 and MS.

In [Episode 4](#), Chat spoke with Farren Briggs PhD ScM, about COVID-19 vaccine safety.

In [Episode 5](#), Hollie spoke with Dr. Mitch Wallin about telemedicine and MS.

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.

In [Episode 7](#), Chat covers the topic of how (and why!) to become a research accelerator. Hear from people living with MS, researchers, and members of the iConquerMS project team to learn how YOU can accelerate MS research!

In [Episode 8](#), Chat hosted a conversation with Dr. Sarah Minden from Brigham and Women's Hospital about the use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) by network members.

Stay tuned to the iConquerMS [YouTube channel](#) for future episodes!



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