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Over a third of a million Americans have MS, typically diagnosed when they are young adults. Through more than 100 chapters and branches, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society offers education, advocacy and programs that focus on quality-of-life issues. Your contribution to the Society helps fund international research to end the devastating effects of MS; however, more federal funding is needed in the quest to find a cure.

In the face of unpredictability caused by MS, the National MS Society is one thing people with MS can count on.

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Multiple Sclerosis ... The Facts:

- Q.** What is multiple sclerosis?
A. Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe-paralysis or loss of vision. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40 but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.
- Q.** How widespread is multiple sclerosis?
A. Over a third of a million Americans have MS. Every hour someone learns that they have MS.
- Q.** What body functions are affected?
A. Balance and coordination, vision, speech, and sometimes bladder, bowel and sexual function can be impaired as multiple sclerosis blocks or scrambles nerve messages.
- Q.** Are there specific treatments?
A. After many long years of research, there are now three drugs that can reduce relapses and slow disability in many people with MS. The Society strongly recommends that people with relapsing MS (the most common form) see their physician about starting one of these treatments – the sooner the better.
- Q.** What help is available?
A. When MS strikes, families can turn to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for assistance, advice, information and programs. The National MS Society is one thing people with MS can count on.

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