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## Drug Therapy Expectations in MS

### Education

Research in recent years has advanced medication therapies for multiple sclerosis (MS). These gains have helped patients live life to the fullest despite having MS. MS lasts the entirety of a patient's life, but MS medication therapies are helping patients now and will be for years to come. This educational brochure provides some important information about realistic expectations for MS medication therapies.

### How MS Drugs Help

Unfortunately there is no cure for MS, but it has been proven that patients who receive MS drug therapy do better than those who do not. Drug therapy helps by:

- Decreasing the number and severity of relapses
- Slowing the progression of symptom severity
- Decreasing the damage to the nervous system that occurs over time

### Points to Know When Starting Drug Therapy

Early treatment is important in MS as symptoms tend to worsen over time. Knowing what to expect will help you get the most benefit from your therapy. At first, you may not feel better. The existing damage to nerves cannot be repaired. Instead, the goal of therapy is to reduce the number of attacks, reduce the severity of the attacks, and slow the progression of MS.

Most current MS therapies require an injection. This can seem challenging at first, but it becomes easier with time. Today there are thousands of MS patients who give themselves injections. Detailed instructions on how to give yourself an injection will be provided. Your team of health care professionals will be available to support you as you learn. Eventually, taking the medication will become just another part of your daily routine.

Like all medications, MS medications have possible side effects. Most improve or disappear with time. If you experience a side effect, alert a health professional know in a timely manner. There are ways they can help to make living with the medication easier.

### Taking Charge of MS

It is important to regularly keep an open line of communication between yourself and your health care providers. Talk openly with them and ensure all of your questions are answered. Initiating drug therapy early provides an opportunity to treat the disease before it worsens.

*Taking your medication consistently puts you in control of your MS.*

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