



National  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Society  
Oregon Chapter

# GLOBAL MS RESEARCH YOU CHANGE LIVES.

The complexity of MS necessitates a research strategy that will uncover solutions for everyone. Your donations fuel a comprehensive approach that promotes knowledge, speeds treatments, improves health care policies, and reveals new disease and symptom management therapies.

**\$920 MILLION**  
IN RESEARCH FUNDING TO DATE

**16 THERAPIES**  
APPROVED BY THE FDA

**\$54 MILLION**  
IN RESEARCH FUNDING LAST YEAR

[Learn how research is changing the lives of those who live with MS.](#)

## Highlights from 2015 include:

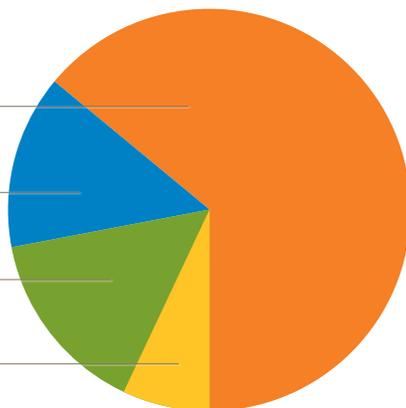
- Positive results for both relapsing and progressive MS from three Phase 3 trials of ocrelizumab. *This is the FIRST medication to have an impact on progressive MS.*
- Phase 2 clinical trial of the pregnancy hormone estriol in women with relapsing MS shows *reduction in relapse rate.*
- *Three studies suggested vitamin D may protect the brain, help repair myelin, and regulate MS immune responses.* With our rainy northwest weather, this finding may be particularly important.



Society-funded researcher Dr. Sergio Baranzini works to map the MS genome.

## Where does the Chapter's money go?

- 64% \_\_\_\_\_ Programs & Services
- 14% \_\_\_\_\_ Research
- 15% \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising
- 7% \_\_\_\_\_ Administration



“Eventually, we may learn how the types and sequence of genes in any one person can predict whether the individual will get MS and how quickly the disease may progress.”

— Dr. Sergio Baranzini, UC San Francisco

[Learn more about his research here.](#)

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# LOCAL MS PROGRAMS & SUPPORT YOU CREATE COMMUNITY.

MS can be an isolating disease — but it doesn't have to be. Your generosity is the foundation of an extensive variety of programs, services, resources and connection opportunities for people living with and affected by MS across the country, and here at home.

## We provide:

### Knowledge

- MS Navigators
- Informative magazines
- Bilingual publications
- Online and in-person community education programs

### Connections

- Community self-help & support groups
- Family resources
- MS friends
- [MSConnection.org](https://www.msconnection.org)

### Financial Assistance & Service Management

- Respite services
- Medical equipment
- Accessibility modifications
- Transportation
- Funding for critical short-term needs
- Health & wellness

“ We are proud that the funding from our generous donors allows us to support people here, in our own community, during their times of greatest need. ”  
— Lisa Roth, Oregon Chapter President

## Scholarship Program

**MS shouldn't stand in the way of an education.** Your donations directly fund Society scholarships, allowing Oregon families living with MS to send their children to college. [Madison Mulhauser is one worthy recipient.](#)



*I look up to my mom not only for her dedication to her work and community, but also for her ability to recognize her MS symptoms and turn to her family for support.* — Madison Mulhauser

**We couldn't be more grateful. Thank you from all of us.**

## Financial Assistance Program

**\$70,000 distributed last year to help families in our community who live with MS.**

**Meet Kirsten Snitker.** She received a brand new walker from the Society, returning freedom and interpersonal connection to her life.



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