

KEY CONTACTS

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Newly diagnosed services

Being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis can create many mixed emotions and fears. The MS Society's nurses and health team are here to support you throughout your journey with MS.

We provide a wealth of support services, wellness and education programs to assist all newly diagnosed Members to better understand multiple sclerosis. These include:

- Newly diagnosed seminars
- Support groups
- Carer, Member and youth education camps
- Carer and peer support programs

The Member Services team promote a wellness model of care by educating and encouraging Members to manage their condition through healthy living, physical activity and accessing appropriate supports.

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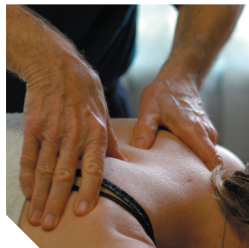
WHAT IS **MS**?

Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system of uncertain cause that damages the nerve fibre insulation (myelin) in a random and patchy manner, causing a wide range of neurological symptoms.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF WA

The MS Society of WA is committed to providing high quality services and support for people with Multiple Sclerosis and their families. The diverse range of services provided to Members includes:

- Physiotherapy
- **Immunotherapy support**
- Counselling
- Occupational therapy
- Respite care
- Community Access Nursing
- In-home support
- Hospital Liaison Nurse



WHAT IS IMMUNOTHERAPY?

Immunotherapy treatments stimulate or modify the body's immune response. There are several disease modifying therapies prescribed for people with multiple sclerosis. Immunotherapy medications may be prescribed by your neurologist and are usually administered by self-injection.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Our Community Access Nurses are specialists providing training and education for immunotherapy programs. The service is available free to those referred to the Society for training.

Nursing services are available by appointment at one of our facilities or as a home visit. Specialist support and advice includes:

- Information on immunotherapy medications.
- Access to education and training on injection techniques for people commencing medication.
- Advice on how to manage any side effects of the medication.
- Follow-up support in the ongoing management of the medication.
- Advice about other medications used in the management of MS symptoms.
- Regular phone and mail surveys to monitor an individual's immunotherapy program.

COMMUNITY ACCESS AND IMMUNOTHERAPY NURSING METROPOLITAN AND SOUTH WEST

In addition to providing comprehensive immunotherapy support, the Community Access Nurses can assist people with multiple sclerosis with a range of complementary services, including:

- In-home visits and assessments
- Care plan development
- Education and information
- Training and support for drug therapy
- Funding and in-home service information and applications
- Phone advice on symptom management



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