



MS Teamworks – Voices from the MS Community

Personal and Candid Stories that Provide Hope and Insight for those Living with MS

(Hackensack, NJ, October 2017)—A new online collection of powerful multiple sclerosis (MS) stories has been launched by the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) and Catamount Medical Education. [MS Teamworks](#) is a portal featuring 20 informal talks in which patients, clinicians, and care partners share their MS stories.

The unique format and innovative content of these talks reflects the public's increasing need for new, more accessible information on a chronic neurological disorder that affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide. More than 200 new cases of MS are diagnosed in the United States each week.

The [MS Teamworks](#) talks are free and accessible to the public. Additional videos will be added to the website as they are produced. **MS Teamworks** includes candid patients accounts from varying genders and demographic perspectives of MS patients including topics such as:

- “The Beginning Of My MS Journey”**
- “I Wish My Healthcare Professional Knew”**
- “How I Manage My MS”**
- “I Wish I Knew”**
- “It Takes A Team”**

This series of frank patient talks highlight the diagnostic experience, navigation of multiple healthcare providers and insurance companies, the importance of being your own healthcare advocate, living with and managing MS, and the often overlooked impact of MS on the patient's family.

The **MS Teamworks** clinician talks come from some of the top specialists and experts in MS care and include:

“What to Expect When You Have MS;” Dr. Robert Shin, a neurologist specializing in MS, shares how clinicians typically diagnose MS and discusses the importance of early treatment

“My Role in MS Care;” Lisa Fox, a PA, describes how her role as a primary care physician is important in MS care.

“Integrative Medicine;” Allen Bowling, MD, PhD, a neurologist, explains the benefits of using integrating conventional and alternative medicine in MS management

“MS Beyond the Physical—Effects on Mental Health;” Fred Foley, PhD, a psychologist specializing in MS, offers insight into the wide-ranging mental health challenges presented by MS.

“My Role in MS (Rehabilitation);” Patty Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, a physical therapist, explains the role of each member of the rehabilitation team in the care of a MS patient.

“Debunking Myths and Misperceptions;” June Halper, MSN, APN-C, MSCN, FAN and David E. Jones, MD, converse about common myths and misperceptions about MS.

Additional clinician talks include: “Yes, you can get MS as a Child,” “A Missed Opportunity, Diet and MS,” “The Roadmap to Motherhood,” “The ABCs of MRIs,” “I am Getting Worse, What Does that Mean,” and “The MS Team.”

“The goal of **MS Teamworks** is to provide messages of hope to all members of the MS community and to illustrate the power of coming together as team to provide a future for those living with MS,” said June Halper, CEO, CMSC.

MS Teamworks was made possible by a grant from EMD Serono. To access and share the **MS Teamworks** video talks, visit: www.msteamworks.com. Follow **MS Teamworks** on Instagram and Twitter: @msteamworks.

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