**Meeting**
**May 28-31, 2025**
**Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ**
**Updated 1/17/25**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

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| 5/27/25 | 8:00 AM | 9:00 PM | Sheraton Phoenix Downtown | FCMSC | | | FCMSC Mentorship Forum Program and Dinner (by invitation only) | |

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

| Date | Start Time | End Time | Room | Session ID | Track | Credits | Session Title / Topic | Chair/Speaker |
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| 5/28/25 | 7:30 AM | 9:00 AM | | ISS1 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 1<br>National Multiple Sclerosis Society | |
| 5/28/25 | 9:15 AM | 10:45 AM | | ISS2 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 2 | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | | | | **ROUNDTABLES** | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT1 | | | Physicians | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT2 | | | Pharmacists / PharMS | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT3 | | | Nurses and NPs / IOMSN | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT4 | | | PAs / MS-PA | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT5 | | | Rehabilitation Professionals / IOMSRT | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT6 | | | Mental Health Professionals / MS MHP | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT7 | | | Registered Dietitians / MS-RD | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT8 | | | MS Professionals in Training (MS-PiT) | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | | RT9 | | | Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | |
| 5/28/25 | 11:45 AM | 12:30 PM | | OPENING | | | Opening Luncheon | |
| 5/28/25 | 12:45 PM | 1:30 PM | | LEC1 | MG | | **June Halper Memorial Lecture: Beyond the Diagnosis: A Legacy of Compassionate, Comprehensive and Innovative Care in Multiple Sclerosis** | Marie Namey, APRN, MSCN |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | **CLINICAL COURSES/WORKSHOPS** | |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC1 | SC | | **Neuroanatomy for the MS Clinician: Insights and Clinical Pearls** | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN, Co-chair |

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| | | | | | | | | Stephen Krieger, MD, FAAN, Co-chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 2:15 PM | | | | | • Introduction and Clinical Pearls | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN |
| | 2:15 PM | 3:00 PM | | | | | • The Brainstem and Cranial Nerves | Stephen Krieger, MD, FAAN |
| | 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM | | | | | • The Spinal Cord | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN |
| | 3:30 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Summary and Q & A | |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC2 | PS, MG | | **Updates in Management of Headache and Facial Pain: What the MS Clinician Needs to Know** | Anne Damian Yacoub, MD, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 1:55 PM | | | | | • Introductions and Setting the Stage- Why MS Clinicians Need to Know about Headache | Anne Damian Yacoub, MD |
| | 1:55 PM | 2:25 PM | | | | | • Management of Trigeminal Neuralgia & Atypical Facial Pain | Tina Doshi, MD |
| | 2:25 PM | 2:55 PM | | | | | • Acute Treatment of Migraine | TBD |
| | 2:55 PM | 3:25 PM | | | | | • Preventative Treatment of Migraine | Anne Damian Yacoub, MD |
| | 3:25 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Wrap up and Q&A | |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC3 | SC | | **MOGAD in Focus: Diagnostic Criteria and Treatment Strategies** | Giulia Fadda, MD, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 2:15 PM | | | | | • MOGAD Diagnostic Criteria and Key Flags | Giulia Fadda, MD |
| | 2:15 PM | 2:45 PM | | | | | • Current and Emerging Therapies | Eoin P. Flanagan, MD |
| | 2:24 PM | 3:15 PM | | | | | • Unique Consideration in the Care of Pediatric MOGAD Patients | E. Ann Yeh, MD |
| | 3:15 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Discussion and Q & A | Panel |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC4 | MG | | **Brain Health and High Efficacy DMTs: A Combination Therapy for MS Clinical Practice** | Colleen Harris, MN, NP, MSCN, MSCS, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 1:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction and Overview | Colleen Harris, MN, NP, MSCN, MSCS |
| | 1:50 PM | 2:20 PM | | | | | • High Efficacy Treatment Landscape | Colleen Harris, MN, NP, MSCN, MSCS |
| | 2:20 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Evidence on Brain Health in MS | Erin Wilkinson |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:20 PM | | | | | • Combining Treatment Strategies | Piet Eelen |
| | 3:20 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Case Studies | Panel |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC5 | MG | | **Era of Too Many Choices; Starting and Switching** | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA, Chair |

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| | 1:45 PM | 1:50 PM | | | | | • Welcome and Introduction | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA |
| | 1:50 PM | 2:10 PM | | | | | • Treatment Approaches and Considerations in MS | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA |
| | 2:10 PM | 2:40 PM | | | | | • Decision Making Process Around What DMT to Start | Gabrielle Macaron, MD |
| | 2:40 PM | 3:10 PM | | | | | • Decision Making Process Around Switching DMTs in MS | Jiwon Oh, MD, PhD, FRCPC |
| | 3:10 PM | 3:40 PM | | | | | • Panel Roundtable-Case Presentations | Panel |
| | 3:40 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Q&A | Panel |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC6 | MG, MH | | **Leveling Up: Enhancing the MS Clinical Assessment** | Robert Shin, MD, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 2:30 PM | | | | | • The Most Essential Test for MS You're Not Doing: McArdle Sign | Brian G. Weinshenker, MD |
| | 2:30 PM | 3:10 PM | | | | | • "I think my memory is fine!" … but is it really? Cognitive Assessment in MS | Kathleen L. Fuchs, PhD |
| | 3:10 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • In the Shadow of Fatigue: Undiagnosed OSA in MS | Mini Singh, MD |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC7 | RH | | **The Interdisciplinary Approach to Wellness in MS** | Mary Rensel, MD, FAAN, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 1:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Mary Rensel, MD, FAAN |
| | 1:50 PM | 2:20 PM | | | | | • The Interdisciplinary Approach to Wellness in MS | Mary Rensel, MD, FAAN<br>Alyssa DeCarlo, MS, OTR/L, MSCS |
| | 2:20 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • The Concept of MS Interdisciplinary Care "looping" It Takes a Village | Mary Mazzola, MA, CCC-SLP<br>Ashley Gaglione, PT, DPT, NCS |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:40 PM | | | | | • Wellness in MS, Interdisciplinary Case Discussions | Panel |
| | 3:40 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Closing | Mary Rensel, MD, FAAN |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC8 | MH | | **Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunction** | Frederick W. Foley, PhD |
| 5/28/25 | 1:45 PM | 3:45 PM | | CC9 | MH | | **Identifying and Monitoring Cognitive Impairment: An IMSCOGS Session** | Menno Schoonheim, PhD, Chair |
| | 1:45 PM | 1:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Menno Schoonheim, PhD |
| | 1:50 PM | 2:20 PM | | | | | • The Importance of Early Identification of Cognitive Impairment | Sarah A. Morrow, MD, MS, FRCPC |
| | 2:20 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Advancing Our Understanding of Cognitive Biomarkers – MRI | Menno Schoonheim, PhD |

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| | 2:50 PM | 3:20 PM | | | | | • Introduction of New, Expert Reviewed International Guidelines | Laura Hancock, PhD |
| | 3:20 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Summary and Q&Q | Panel |
| 5/28/25 | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | | ISS3 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 3 | |
| 5/28/25 | 3:30 PM | 8:00 PM | | | | | Exhibit Hall Open | |
| 5/28/25 | 5:30 PM | 7:30 PM | | | | | Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall | |
| 5/28/25 | 5:45 PM | 6:45 PM | | SS1 | | | Supporter Showcase 1 – Genentech (1) | |
| 5/28/25 | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | | SS2 | | | Supporter Showcase 2 – Alexion | |
| 5/28/25 | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | | | | | IOMSN Reception and Nightingale Awards | |
| 5/28/25 | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | | | | | VA MSCoE Reception | |
| 5/28/25 | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | | | | | Foundation of the CMSC Reception (by invitation) | |
| 5/28/25 | 8:00 PM | 9:30 PM | | | | | "First Night" | |

**Thursday, May 29, 2025**

| Date | Start Time | End Time | | Session ID | Track | Credits | Session Title / Topic | Chair/Speaker |
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| 5/29/25 | 7:00 AM | 8:00 AM | | ISS4 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 4 | |
| 5/29/25 | 8:15 AM | 9:00 AM | | LEC2 | MH | | **Donald Paty Lecture: Is It Time to Consider MS Depression a Unique Diagnosis?** | Anthony Feinstein, MD, PhD, FRCPC |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | FUND1 | MG | | Fundamentals of MS Care – Part 1 | Patricia Pagnotta, APRN, MSCN, Moderator |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | REHAB1 | RH | | **Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehab – Part 1 - Maximizing Brain Health in Multiple Sclerosis** | Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Moderator<br><br>Brian M. Sandroff, PhD, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Brian M. Sandroff, PhD |
| | 9:20 AM | 9:55 AM | | | | | • Defining Brain Health in MS | Bianca Weinstock-Guttman, MD |
| | 9:55 AM | 10:30 AM | | | | | • Evidence for Rehabilitation Effects on Brain Health in MS | Brian M. Sandroff, PhD |
| | 10:30 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:20 AM | | | | | • Promoting Brain Health Enhancing Approaches in Comprehensive MS Care | Robert W. Motl, PhD |

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| | 11:20 AM | 11:55 AM | | | | | • Maximizing Brain Health in MS: Insights from Real-World Clinical Experience | Augusto Miravalle, MD |
| | 11:55 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Discussion and Q&A | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | **SYMPOSIA** | |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM1 | SC | | **2024 McDonald Diagnostic Criteria Revisions** | Ruth Ann Marrie, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FCAHS, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:30 AM | | | | | • Introduction<br>• History of Diagnostic Criteria and Methodology Used in the 2024 Update | Ruth Ann Marrie, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FCAHS |
| | 9:30 AM | 10:05 AM | | | | | • Optic Nerve as Fifth Topography<br>• Other Changes to Dissemination in Space and Time | Peter Calabresi, MD |
| | 10:05 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Fluid Biomarkers<br>• Imaging Biomarkers in Diagnosing MS<br>• RIS | Jiwon Oh, MD, PhD, FRCPC |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:15 SM | | | | | • Confirming a Diagnosis in Those over Age 50 and Those with Comorbidities | Ruth Ann Marrie, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FCAHS |
| | 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Clinical Cases for Discussion | Panel |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Questions and Discussion | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM2 | MG<br>MH | | **The Benefits of Day Programs as Part of Comprehensive Care for People Living with MS** | Brian Hutchinson, PT, MSCS, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:30 AM | | | | | • Introduction to MS Day Programs | Brian Hutchinson, PT, MSCS |
| | 9:30 AM | 10:05 AM | | | | | • History and Evolution of MS Day Programs | Randall T. Schapiro, MD, FAAN |
| | 10:05 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Connection to Combat Loneliness and<br>• Isolation | Tiffany Malone, MSW, MSCS |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:30 AM | | | | | • Incorporating Lifestyle Neurology for<br>• People with MS | Barbara Giesser, MD, FAAN, FANA |
| | 11:30 AM | 12:00 PM | | | | | • Outcomes of MS Day Programs | Brian Hutchinson, PT, MSCS |
| | 12:00 PM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q & A | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM3 | SC | | Immunology for Non-Immunologists | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA, Chair |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM4 | SC | | **Promoting Remyelination in MS** | V. Wee Yong, PhD, FCAHS, FRSC, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Introduction and Biology of Remyelination | V. Wee Yong, PhD, FCAHS, FRSC |

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| | 10:00 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Remyelination in MS | Tanja Kuhlmann, MD |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:35 AM | | | | | • Translational Medicine for Remyelination | Peter Calabresi, MD |
| | 11:35 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Emerging Serum and Imaging Biomarkers to Monitor Remyelination in MS | Ahmed Abdelhak, MD |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM5 | MH | | **Patient-Centered Cognitive Wellness Approaches for People with Multiple Sclerosis** | Terry Lee-Wilk, PhD, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Patient-Centered Cognitive Wellness Approaches for People with Multiple Sclerosis: Part I | Terry Lee-Wilk, PhD<br>Moira Dux, PhD<br>Jessica Dalrymple, PhD |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:00 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Patient-Centered Cognitive Wellness Approaches for People with Multiple Sclerosis: Part II | Terry Lee-Wilk, PhD<br>Moira Dux, PhD<br>Jessica Dalrymple, PhD |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM6 | MG | | **Menopause as a Modifiable Risk Factor** | Ruth Stross, RGN, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Ruth Stross, RGN |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Aging, Menopause, and their Impact on Disability Progression in MS | Jennifer Graves, MD |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Addressing Menopause Symptoms in Women with MS: Challenges on this Journey | Kate Petheram, MD |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:55 AM | | | | | • Supporting Self-Management for Women with MS During Perimenopause: Navigating Complex Symptoms in the UK | Ruth Stross, RGN |
| | 11:55 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q&A | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM7 | MG | | **Pediatric Demyelinating Disease: Critical Aspects of Care, Treatment and Transition** | Yolanda Wheeler, PhD, CRNP, CPNP-AC, MSCN, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Yolanda Wheeler, PhD, CRNP, CPNP-AC, MSCN |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Why an Adult MS Physician needs to know about Pediatric MS (and other demyelinating diseases) | Aaron W. Abrams, MD |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:30 AM | | | | | • Mimics of Pediatric MS | Kelsey Poisson, MD |
| | 10:30 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:15 AM | | | | | • Treatments of Pediatric MS and Related Conditions | Nikita Malani Shukla, MD |

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| | 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Transition of Care | Yolanda Wheeler, PhD, CRNP, CPNP-AC, MSCN |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:15 AM | | | | | • Clinical Cases for Discussion | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 11:30 AM | 2:45 PM | Exhibit Hall | | | | Exhibit Hall Open | |
| 5/29/25 | 12:15 PM | 1:45 PM | | | | | Luncheon | |
| 5/29/25 | 12:30 PM | 2:30 PM | | | | | FCMSC Scholar Recognition Luncheon (by invitation only) | |
| 5/29/25 | 12:30 PM | 1:30 PM | | SS3 | | | Supporter Showcase 3 – Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation | |
| 5/29/25 | 1:45 PM | 2:45 PM | | SS4 | | | Supporter Showcase 4 – Sanofi | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | **PLATFORMS** | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | PLAT1 | MG RS SC | | Disease Management Platforms | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | PLAT2 | MG RS SC | | Disease Modifying Therapies Platforms | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | PLAT3 | MH RS | | Psychosocial Platforms | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | PLAT4 | RH RS | | Rehabilitation Platforms | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | PLAT5 | MG RS TC | | Neuroimaging Platforms | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | **CLINICAL COURSES/WORKSHOPS** | |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | CC10 | WE | | **Wellness in MS: Mindfulness & Coaching** | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN, Chair |
| | 3:00 PM | 3:10 PM | | | | | • Wellness | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN |
| | 3:10 PM | 3:40 PM | | | | | • Mindfulness in MS | Libby Levine, MSN, APRN, AGNP-BC, MSCN |
| | 3:40 PM | 4:10 PM | | | | | • Coaching in MS | Aliza Ben-Zacharia, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN |
| | 4:10 PM | 4:35 PM | | | | | • Complementary Therapies | Sara Cecil, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, MSCN |
| | 4:35 PM | 4:50 PM | | | | | • Case Studies & Summary | Libby Levine, MSN, APRN, AGNP-BC, MSCN |
| | 4:50 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | • Q & A | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | CC11 | MG | | **International Perspectives on the Importance of Multidisciplinary Approach to Nutrition Care for MS** | Olivia Willis, APD, PhD(C), Chair |
| | 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM | | | | | • Dietary Factors in MS Onset and Progression | Karen Zozsak, BMath (Comp Sci), BND, PhD Candidate, APD |

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| | 3:30 PM | 4:00 PM | | | | | • Integrating Dietitians into the MS Care Team: Real-life Case Studies and Experience | Olivia Willis, APD, PhD(C) |
| | 4:00 PM | 4:20 PM | | | | | • The Consumer Voice: Partnering with People Living with MS and HCP's in Research and Practice | Shoroog Allogmanny, APD, PhD(C) |
| | 4:20 PM | 4:40 PM | | | | | • Where We are Headed: The Future with Shared Decision-making | Yasmine Probst, Assoc/Prof, PhD, AdvAPD, FAIDH |
| | 4:40 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | • Q & A | Panel |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | CC12 | MG | | The Power of Prevention: A Focus on Immunology, Vaccine Recommendations and Infection Management | Jacquelyn Bainbridge, PharmD, FCCP, MSCS |
| 5/29/25 | 3:00 PM | 5:00 PM | | CC13 | | | Open | |
| 5/29/25 | 4:30 PM | 7:45 PM | | | | | Exhibit Hall Open | |
| 5/29/25 | 5:00 PM | 7:00 PM | | | | | Poster Session / Dinner – authors required to stand by their work from 6-7 | |
| 5/29/25 | 5:30 PM | 6:30 PM | | SS5 | | | Supporter Showcase 5 – Genentech (2) | |
| 5/29/25 | 6:45 PM | 7:45 PM | | SS6 | | | Supporter Showcase 6 | |
| 5/29/25 | 7:45 PM | 10:00 PM | | GIANTS | | | Giants of MS Care Recognition Program Sponsored by Neurology Live in collaboration with the CMSC | |

**Friday, May 30, 2025**

| Date | Start Time | End Time | Room | Session ID | Track | Credits | Session Title / Topic | Chair/Speaker |
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| 5/30/25 | 6:00 AM | 7:00 AM | | | | | Yoga (sponsored by the Foundation of the CMSC) | |
| 5/30/25 | 7:00 AM | 8:00 AM | | ISS5 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 5 | |
| 5/30/25 | 8:15 AM | 9:00 AM | | LEC3 | SC | | John Whitaker Lecture: | Riley M. Bove, MD |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | FUND2 | MG | | Fundamentals of MS Care – Part 2 | Patricia Pagnotta, APRN, MSCN, Moderator |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | REHAB2 | RH | | Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehab – Part 2 – Rehab Interventions | Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Moderator<br><br>Sarah Donkers, BSc, MPT, MSc, PhD, Chair |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM8 | SC | | **Whitaker Track Invited Lectures: MS in Special Populations** | Ahmed Zayed Obeidat, MD, PhD, Chair |

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| | 9:15 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • People with Advanced MS | Sam Hooshmand. DO |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Aging in MS | Yinan Zhang, MD, MS |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:00 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Pediatric MS: Opportunities and Unmet Needs | Grace Gombolay, MD, MSc |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q&A | Panel |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM9 | SC | | **The Evolving Field of Fluid Biomarkers for Managing MS** | Mark Freedman, HBSc, MSc, MD, CSPQ, FAAN, FRCPC, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:30 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Mark Freedman, HBSc, MSc, MD, CSPQ, FAAN, FRCPC |
| | 9:30 AM | 10:15 AM | | | | | • Neurofilament Light Chain (NfL): Informative Across the Spectrum of MS for Prognosis, Disease Monitoring and Treatment Response | Enric Monreal, MD, PhD |
| | 10:15 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | • Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein: Evolving Understanding for Both Relapsing and Progressive Forms of MS | Simon Thebault, MBBCh |
| | 11:00 AM | 11:15 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Practical Application of Biomarkers in the day-to-day Management of MS | Tanuja Chitnis, MD |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:15 AM | | | | | • Clinical Cases for Discussion | Mark Freedman, HBSc, MSc, MD, CSPQ, FAAN, FRCPC |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM10 | SC | | Genetic Predictors of MS Risk and Prognosis: Research Updates and a Path Forward | Kathryn Fitzgerald, ScD, Chair |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM11 | MG | | **Developing Effective Models of Care for People Living with Advanced MS** | Rachael Stacom, ANP-BC, MSN, MSCN, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Rachael Stacom, ANP-BC, MSN, MSCN |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Developing a Care Management Model: Using Data to Improve Systems of Care and Improve Health Outcomes | Rachael Stacom, ANP-BC, MSN, MSCN |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Approach to Symptom Management in Advanced MS | Stephen Krieger, MD |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:35 AM | | | | | • Using Adaptive Equipment and Assistive Technology to Maximize Function in Advanced MS | Elaine Castelluccio, PT, MPT, MSCS, CDP |

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| | 11:35 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • A Home-based Model of Care Serving Individuals Living with MS and Significant Disability | Renee Stewart, APRN-NP, DNP |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM12 | MG | | **Optimizing DMT Management in Multiple Sclerosis: Addressing Challenges and Enhancing Patient Care**<br><br>*Organized by the VA MS Centers of Excellence* | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • DMTs in the MS Spectrum: Navigating Phenotypes, Aging, and Perioperative Challenges | Carolyn J. Bevan, MD |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:30 AM | | | | | • Understanding Infection Risks in MS: Identifying High-Risk Patients on DMTs | Anza Memon, MD, FAAN |
| | 10:30 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:15 AM | | | | | • Vaccination in MS: Strategies for Maximizing Efficacy and Safety | Suma Shah, MD |
| | 11:15 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Intervention Implementation: Where the Rubber Meets the Road | Heidi Maloni, PhD, CNRN |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:10 PM | | | | | • Q&A and Discussion | Panel |
| | 12:10 PM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Closing Remarks | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM13 | MH | | What Does the Brain Tell Us About Fatigue? Clinical Implications | John DeLuca, PhD, ABPP, FACRM, FAPA, FAPS, FNAN, Chair |
| 5/30/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM14 | MG | | **Unlocking Relief: MS Symptom Management Strategies** | Jenelle H. Montgomery, PharmD, BCACP, CPP, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Jenelle H. Montgomery, PharmD, BCACP, CPP |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Counting Desert Flowers: A Review of DMTs and the Progression to Controlled MS | Amanda Hickman, PharmD, MPH, MSCS |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:40 AM | | | | | • Waking up, Shutting Down, and all the Confusion in between: A Discussion on Fatigue, Sleep and Cognitive Fatigue Management | Nancy Ross, PharmD, BCACP, MSCS, CSP |
| | 10:40 AM | 10:55 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 10:55 AM | 11:35 AM | | | | | • Mind over MS: Navigating the Management of Multiple Sclerosis and Mood Disorders | Jenelle H. Montgomery, PharmD, BCACP, CPP |
| | 11:35 AM | 12:05 PM | | | | | • Management of Pain, Spasticity, and Restless Legs | Nicole Yvonne Nguyen, PharmD, BCPS |

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| | 12:05 PM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q&A | |
| 5/30/25 | 11:00 AM | 2:00 PM | | | | | Exhibit Hall Open | |
| 5/30/25 | 12:15 PM | 1:45 PM | | | | | Luncheon | |
| 5/30/25 | 12:30 PM | 2:00 PM | | VA | | | VA MSCoE Business Meeting | |
| 5/30/25 | 12:30 PM | 1:00 PM | | SS7 | | | Supporter Showcase 7 - Octave | |
| 5/30/25 | 1:15 PM | 1:45 PM | | SS8 | | | Supporter Showcase 8 | |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | FUND3 | MG | | Fundamentals of MS Care – Part 3 | Beverly Layton, RN, BSN, MSCN, Moderator |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | REHAB3 | RH | | **Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehab – Part 3 – Network Failure and Behavioral Interventions in Multiple Sclerosis** | Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Moderator<br><br>Brian M. Sandroff, PhD, Chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Brian M. Sandroff, PhD |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:25 PM | | | | | • The Network Collapse as a Framework for Understanding Clinical Progression in MS | Menno M. Schoonheim, PhD |
| | 3:25 PM | 4:00 PM | | | | | • Diet as an Approach for Mitigating Network Collapse in MS | Ilana Katz-Sand, MD |
| | 4:00 PM | 4:15 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:15 PM | 4:50 PM | | | | | • Exercise as an Approach for Mitigating Network Collapse in MS | Brian M. Sandroff, PhD |
| | 4:50 PM | 5:25 PM | | | | | • Harnessing Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation for Functional Recovery and Preservation in MS | Leigh Charvet, PhD |
| | 5:25 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Discussion: The Path Forward – Preparing for Integration in Future RCTs | Robert W. Motl, PhD and Panel |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | **SYMPOSIA** | |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM15 | SC | | Whitaker Platform Session | Ahmed Zayed Obeidat, MD, PhD, Chair |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM16 | SC | | **Novel Imaging Biomarkers in the New Diagnostic Criteria of MS** | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD, Chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:15 PM | | | | | • New Diagnostic Criteria for MS | Daniel Ontaneda, MD, PhD |
| | 3:15 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • When and How to Image Patients with MS | Nancy Sicotte, MD |
| | 3:45 PM | 4:00 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:00 PM | 4:30 PM | | | | | • New Biomarkers: CVS and PRL | Daniel Ontaneda, MD, PhD |
| | 4:30 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | • Imaging CVS and PRL | Pascal Sati, PhD |
| | 5:00 PM | 5:30 PM | | | | | • Clinical Cases for Discussion Panel | Nancy Sicotte, MD |

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| | 5:30 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Closing Remarks | Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM17 | SC | | **Cases in Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder and MOG Antibody-Associated Disease** | Eoin P. Flanagan, MD, MBBCh, Chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Eoin P. Flanagan, MD, MBBCh |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:25 PM | | | | | • Cases in MOGAD Diagnosis | Eoin P. Flanagan, MD, MBBCh |
| | 3:25 PM | 4:10 PM | | | | | • Cases in NMOSD Diagnosis | Brian G. Weinshenker, MD |
| | 4:10 PM | 4:25 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:25 PM | 5:05 PM | | | | | • Cases in MOGAD Treatment | Smathorn Thakolwiboon, MD |
| | 5:05 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Cases in NMOSD Treatment | Shailee Shah, MD |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM18 | PE | | **Women in MS Care and Their Allies: Building Skills for Thriving in Your Career** | Carrie M. Hersh, DO, MSc, FAAN, Chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 2:55 PM | | | | | • Introductions | Panel |
| | 2:55 PM | 3:15 PM | | | | | • Post-It Ice Breaker Session: Sharing Ideas and Knowledge Gaps | Panel |
| | 3:15 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • Gratitude As a Way to Build Connections and Other Burnout Strategies | Amy Sullivan, PsyD, ABPP |
| | 3:45 PM | 4:15 PM | | | | | • Growing in Confidence and in Your Profession | Carrie M. Hersh, DO, MSc, FAAN |
| | 4:15 PM | 4:30 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:30 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | • Building Your Agility for the Changing Times in Healthcare | Mary Rensel, MD, FAAN |
| | 5:00 PM | 5:30 PM | | | | | • Is the Grass Greener? ...And Other Common Dilemmas | Mary Alissa Willis, MD, FAAN, FANA |
| | 5:30 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Networking/Speed Mentoring/Sharing Ideas | Panel |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM19 | MG | | **Multiple Sclerosis and Fatigue: An Update and Overview of Clinical Trials and Management**<br><br>*Organized by the VA MS Centers of Excellence* | Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH, Chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 2:50 PM | | | | | • Introduction | Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH |
| | 2:50 PM | 3:25 PM | | | | | • Pharmacology: Overview and Update | Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH |
| | 3:25 PM | 4:00 PM | | | | | • Behavioral Intervention: Overview and Update | Aaron Turner, PhD |
| | 4:00 PM | 4:15 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:15 PM | 4:50 PM | | | | | • What Does the Brain Tell Us About Interventions for Fatigue? | John DeLuca, PhD |

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| | 4:50 PM | 5:25 PM | | | | | • Intervention Implementation: Where the Rubber Meets the Road | Lindsey Knowles, PhD |
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| | 5:40 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Closing Remarks | Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM20 | MG | | **MS Update 2025-What Everyone Wants to Know in 2025: Exploring the Latest Topics in MS** | Patricia K. Coyle MD, FAAN, FANA, Chair<br>Marijean Buhse, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, MSCN, FAAN<br>Patricia Melville, RN, MSN, NP-BC, MSCN |
| | 2:45 PM | 3:05 PM | | | | | • Accurate Family Planning/Counseling for MS and NMOSD | Patricia K. Coyle MD, FAAN, FANA |
| | 3:05 PM | 3:25 PM | | | | | • Current MS Diagnostic Issues | Patricia K. Coyle MD, FAAN, FANA |
| | 3:25 PM | 3:50 PM | | | | | • Data on When to Discontinue Therapy | Marijean Buhse, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, MSCN, FAAN |
| | 3:50 PM | 4:10 PM | | | | | • MOGAD Pearls | Patricia Melville, RN, MSN, NP-BC, MSCN |
| | 4:10 PM | 4:25 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:25 PM | 4:45 PM | | | | | • Symptom Management-Focus on Gait and Bladder | Marijean Buhse, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, MSCN, FAAN |
| | 4:45 PM | 5:05 PM | | | | | • Late Anti-CD 20 issues (hypogammaglobulinemia, neutropenia, immune colitis) | Patricia Melville, RN, MSN, NP-BC, MSCN |
| | 5:05 PM | 5:25 PM | | | | | • Deciphering PIRA | Patricia K. Coyle MD, FAAN, FANA |
| | 5:25 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Q&A & Discussion | Panel |
| 5/30/25 | 2:45 PM | 5:45 PM | | SYM21 | MG | | **Increasing Diversity in Clinical Research: Practical Applications** | Mitzi Joi Williams, MD, FAAN, Co-chair<br>Annette Okai, MD, Co-chair |
| | 2:45 PM | 3:10 PM | | | | | Introduction: Multistakeholder Solutions | Mitzi Joi Williams, MD, FAAN, |
| | 3:10 PM | 3:45 PM | | | | | • The Investigator Role | Annette Okai, MD |
| | 3:45 PM | 4:15 PM | | | | | • Role of Research Staff | Jacqueline Rosenthal, MD |
| | 4:15 PM | 4:30 PM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 4:30 PM | 5:00 PM | | | | | • Building Community Partnerships | Annette Howard, MD |
| | 5:00 PM | 5:30 PM | | | | | • Role of Academic Institutions/Learning Environments | Mima Akinsanya, MD |
| | 5:30 PM | 5:45 PM | | | | | • Q&A | Panel |

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**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

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| 5/31/25 | 7:00 AM | 8:00 AM | | ISS6 | | | Independently Supported Symposium 6 | |
| 5/31/25 | 8:15 AM | 9:00 AM | | LEC4 | | | **John Kurtzke Memorial Lecture: Finding MS Therapies: Four Decades of Adventure and Misadventure** | Robert Fox, MD |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | FUND4 | MG | | Fundamentals of MS Care – Part 4 | Beverly Layton, RN, BSN, MSCN, Moderator |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | REHAB4 | RH | | **Current Topics and Trends in MS Rehab – Part 4** | Patricia Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Moderator |
| | 9:15 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | **Session A: Vision Dysfunction and Retraining in Multiple Sclerosis** | Clotilde M. Hainline, MD, Chair |
| ` | 9:15 AM | 9:20 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Clotilde M. Hainline, MD |
| | 9:20 AM | 10:00 AM | | | | | • Optic Neuritis/Optimizing Low Vision | Clotilde M. Hainline, MD |
| | 10:00 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Efferent Dysfunction in MS/Corrective Strategies for Efferent Dysfunction | Scott N. Grossman, MD |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | Break | |
| | 11:00 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | **Session B: Navigating MS Rehabilitation: Fresh Perspectives and Challenges from Emerging Clinicians** | Kasey Melsness, DPT, Chair<br>Andrea Tchir, MSc, OT<br>Megan Coyle, PT, DPT |
| | 11:00 AM | 11:15 AM | | | | | • Shared Experiences from Speakers in Clinical Work Since Onset of Career | Panel |
| | 11:15 AM | 11:30 AM | | | | | • Current Challenges and Barriers to Success and Independence as a New Clinician | Panel |
| | 11:30 AM | 11:45 AM | | | | | • Current Resources and Support Available to Us Currently Based on Location and Globally | Panel |
| | 11:45 AM | 12:05 PM | | | | | • Closing the Gap. Shared Ideas on Mentorship, Managing Expectations, and Preventing Burnout | Panel |
| | 12:05 PM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q&A / Feedback from the Audience Including Current MS Clinical Specialists in the Field | Panel |

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| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | **SYMPOSIA** | |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM22 | MH PE | | **When Fulfillment Becomes an Internal Fight: Managing Burnout in Medicine** | Amy Sullivan, PsyD, ABPP, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:25 AM | | | | | • Introductions and Worldview | Amy Sullivan, PsyD, ABPP |
| | 9:25 AM | 9:55 AM | | | | | • Impact of Stress on the Body | Amy Sullivan, PsyD, ABPP |
| | 9:55 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | • Burnout Stories with Audience Process | Amy Sullivan, PsyD, ABPP<br>Carrie M. Hersh, DO, MSc, FAAN |
| | 11:00 AM | 11:15 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:15 AM | 11:50 AM | | | | | • Combating Burnout & Time Management for Work-Life Integration | Carrie M. Hersh, DO, MSc, FAAN |
| | 11:50 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q&A and Audience Participation | Panel |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM23 | MG | | **MS in Underserved Populations: Understanding Needs and Improving Outcomes** | Mitzi Joi Williams, MD, FAAN, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:40 AM | | | | | • Introduction and SDOH and Health Outcomes | Mitzi Joi Williams, MD, FAAN |
| | 9:40 AM | 10:15 AM | | | | | • MS in Ethnic Minority Populations | Jakai Nolan, DO |
| | 10:15 AM | 10:45 AM | | | | | • Patient Perspective on Care Gaps | Victoria Reese |
| | 10:45 AM | 11:00 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:00 AM | 11:25 AM | | | | | • MS in LGBTQIA Populations | William Conte, MD |
| | 11:25 AM | 11:50 AM | | | | | • MS Across the Ages Under 18 and Over 55 | Jennifer Graves, MD |
| | 11:50 AM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q & A | Panel |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM24 | | | Hot Topics | Corey C. Ford, MD, PhD, Chair |
| 5/31/25 | 9:15 AM | 12:15 PM | | SYM25 | MG RS | | **Treatment Strategies in Relapsing MS** | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA, Chair |
| | 9:15 AM | 9:25 AM | | | | | • Introduction | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA |
| | 9:25 AM | 10:05 AM | | | | | • Birds Eye View on Treatment Strategies | Scott Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA |
| | 10:05 AM | 10:50 | | | | | • Treatment Strategies in Multiple Sclerosis are Clear as a Crystal | Tirisham Gyang, MD |
| | 10:50 AM | 11:05 AM | | | | | • Break | |
| | 11:05 AM | 11:50 AM | | | | | • Treatment Strategies in Multiples Sclerosis are Clear as Mud | Ellen Mowry, MD, MCR, FAAN, FANA |
| | 11:50 AM | 12:10 PM | | | | | • Panel Roundtable-Case Presentations | Panel |
| | 12:10 PM | 12:15 PM | | | | | • Q & A | Panel |

**Learning Tracks:**

- MS Management (MG)
- Mental Health (MH)
- Nursing (RN)
- Professionalism, Ethics, Advocacy (PE)
- Rehabilitation (RH)
- Research (RS)
- Science of MS (SC)
- Pharmacologic and Symptomatic Management (PS)
- Technologic Advances (TC)
- Wellness (WE)