



**PROGRAM
ANNOUNCEMENT**

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

**Driven by Legacy
Racing Toward the Future**



May 27 - 29, 2026

Preconference Sessions May 26

**Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, North Carolina**

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The Leading Research and Educational Conference for
Multiple Sclerosis Healthcare Professionals in North America

ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CENTERS (CMSC)

The CMSC is the premier organization for MS healthcare professionals, providing education, research, and resources to improve the quality of care for those living with multiple sclerosis. With a multidisciplinary membership representing all facets of MS care, the CMSC fosters collaboration and innovation across the global MS community. CMSC's core purpose is to advance excellence in the comprehensive & multidisciplinary care of individuals with MS and related disorders.



40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CMSC

Founded in 1986, the CMSC is celebrating its 40th anniversary at this year's annual meeting. Building on decades of uniting the professional workforce for those living with MS and related disorders, we are preparing for the future needs of both providers and patients. Rapid changes in the diagnosis, treatment, and care of MS – including a growing amount of disease modifying therapies (DMTs) – make it critical to continue to connect all those providing care for collaboration, communication and education. During our 40th anniversary year, we are also committed to raising funds for the future needs of MS patients through the June Halper MS Workforce of the Future Fund. To support this important work, visit <https://www.ms-care.org/donate>





TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of physicians, advanced practice clinicians, nursing professionals, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation specialists, dietitians, researchers, advocates, and other members of the healthcare team involved in the management of patients with MS including those who conduct research in MS or who have a special interest in MS and related disorders.

The Continuing Education Committee has identified educational gaps in ten content areas and has invited noted faculty to develop and conduct educational sessions in each of the following learning tracks.

MENTAL HEALTH

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- » Conduct a thorough patient assessment that allows for differentiation between mental health, psychosocial, and cognitive issues in MS and incorporates information obtained into therapeutic plans of care.
- » Identify professional and community resources that support the work of the mental health team in providing comprehensive care that monitors for changes in quality of life and promotes optimization.

MS MANAGEMENT

MS

- » Compare MS models of care in order to support the provision of team-based, comprehensive care via the most appropriate model for a given practice setting that appropriately incorporates roles and responsibilities of clinicians and ensures the delivery of evidence-based MS care.
- » Summarize methods to monitor treatment outcomes including patient self-report, automated self-assessment, data from wearable devices, clinician reported outcomes, imaging, and biomarkers in order to optimize their utilization in clinical practice and research.

NURSING

RN

- » Evaluate current nursing models of care to promote patient centered care and individualize interventions and monitor outcomes of patients with MS.
- » Incorporate specific and evidence-based nursing skills into the development of team-based plans for individualized care of patients and families affected by MS.

PHARMACOLOGIC AND SYMPTOMATIC MANAGEMENT

PS

- » Identify assessment techniques to isolate those factors that affect the the complex pathology of MS and related neuroimmune disorders and differentiate between these disease processes and their manifestations and course.
- » Analyze common symptoms of MS and related disorders and their appropriate pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions in order to develop strategies designed to maximize function and quality of life.

PROFESSIONALISM, ETHICS, ADVOCACY

PE

- » Support MS patients and their families as they confront challenges while protecting the individual's right to privacy, information, refusal of treatment, promotes patient self-advocacy, and supports legal and human rights.
- » Promote and advance the roles of healthcare professionals dedicated to MS care to allow full practice authority and improve access to needed treatments, programs, and services.
- » Incorporate acquired information into professional practice skills that enhance comprehensive MS care and better serve patients, families, and colleagues.

REHABILITATION

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- » Integrate rehabilitative strategies into the multidisciplinary management of the comorbidities and sequelae of MS to optimize patients' function and quality of life.
- » Identify MS-specific screening techniques that facilitate individualized and targeted rehabilitation services.

RESEARCH

RS

- » Synthesize emerging data on treatment, safety, and efficacy in order to promote continuing insights into pathology, course, and management and of MS and other rarer neuroimmune disorders.
- » Review the design and outcomes of clinical trials in neuroimmune conditions and disseminate this information to prepare clinicians to evaluate trial quality and, where appropriate, integrate findings into clinical practice.

SCIENCE OF MS

SC

- » Review the current understanding of diagnostic criteria, phenotypes, and variants of MS and other neuroimmune conditions to promote accurate diagnosis, initiation of appropriate therapy and monitoring of outcomes.
- » Identify the roles and interactions of genetics and epigenetics, the microbiome, environmental factors, age, comorbidities, and risk behaviors as factors contributing to pathogenesis and course of neuroimmune conditions including MS, MOGAD, NMOsD, and other disorders.

TECHNOLOGIC ADVANCES

TC

- » Examine innovations in diagnostic, rehabilitative, adaptive, communication, and educational technology that have an impact on the care of patients with neuroimmune disease throughout the spectrum of the disease.
- » Incorporate technology appropriately to enhance care and research in MS and neuroimmune disorders.

WELLNESS

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- » Recognize the importance of focusing on wellness outcomes and incorporate this perspective into all clinical care and patient and family education.
- » Integrate wellness concepts into long-term planning as the patient condition changes to optimize wellness strategies at all stages of disease.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

CMSC is committed to making its programming, including this learning event, accessible to all.

Event staff will be glad to assist you with special needs. For assistance, please contact us prior to the event at info@mscare.org or (201) 487-1050.

For more information about the Americans with Disabilities Act, please visit <https://www.ada.gov>.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION



The CMSC Annual Meeting provides a tremendous variety of credit offerings for attendees. Attendees can earn up to 19.0 contact hours of continuing education over the course of the meeting. This figure varies by professional affiliation and is based upon attendance at the maximum number of non-concurrent education sessions and satellite symposia.



In support of improving patient care, the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive up to 14.0 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

PHYSICIANS

CME

The CMSC designates this live activity for a maximum of 14.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

PHARMACISTS

ACPE

This knowledge-based activity (UAN JA4008165-0000-26-001-L01-P) qualifies for contact hours of continuing pharmacy education credit.

NURSES

NCPD

The CMSC designates this activity for a maximum of 14.0 nursing continuing professional development (NCPD) credits. Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

NCPT

CMSC is submitting documentation to the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to seek approval for continuing education credits. Courses approved by one state's APTA chapter are often recognized by other states.

Continuing education requirements are set by individual state boards of physical therapy, each with its own rules and procedures. Licensees are responsible for ensuring compliance with their state's licensure requirements and should confirm course acceptance by reviewing their state practice act or administrative code.

PA's

AAPA



The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 14.0 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

AOTA



The Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers is an AOTA Approved Provider of professional development. This live activity is offered at 1.4 CEUs (14.0 contact hours), intermediate, OT Service Delivery, Professional Issues, and

Foundational Knowledge. The assignment of AOTA CEUs does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products, or clinical procedures by AOTA.

PSYCHOLOGISTS

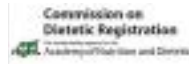
APA



Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the CMSC. The CMSC maintains responsibility for the content of the program. The CMSC designates this activity for 14.0 CE credits.

REGISTERED DIETITIANS

RD



CDR Credentialed Practitioners will receive 14.0 Continuing Professional Education unit(s) (CPEU) for completion of this activity. Practitioners should only claim the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

SOCIAL WORKERS (THROUGH ASWB'S ACE PROGRAM)

ASWB



As a Jointly Accredited Organization, the CMSC is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 14.0 ethics, clinical, cultural competence, or general continuing education credits.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR OTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

A Certificate of Attendance will be given upon completion of course requirements enabling attendees to register their credit with the appropriate licensing boards or associations. Attendees may apply for other accreditations using procedures established by specific organizations.

Important: The number of available credits per professional affiliation may change.



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TUESDAY, MAY 26 (PRE-CONFERENCE)

- 8:00 AM Foundation Mentorship Program
- 2:00 PM AcademicCME Program
- 3:00 PM Kinesio Taping for Neurological Conditions
Lori Robinson, Chair
- 3:00 PM Botulinum Toxin Injections for Migraine and Spasticity in Multiple Sclerosis: A Hands-On Training Symposium
Carolina Ionete, MD, Chair

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 AM Independently Supported Symposium
National MS Society Symposium
- 9:15 AM Welcome and Membership Update: The New CMSC and You
- 9:45 AM June Halper Memorial Lecture
The Journey is the Destination: 40 Years of CMSC, 40 Years of MS Neuropsychiatry
Anthony Feinstein, MPhil, PhD, FRCP
- 11:00 AM MS Healthcare Professionals Roundtables
- 12:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
- 12:15 PM Supporter Showcase 1 - Novartis Pharmaceuticals
- 1:30 PM Supporter Showcase 2 - Sanofi
- 2:45 PM Turning the Tide on MS: Prodrome and Prevention
Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH, Chair
- 2:45 PM Era of Too Many Choices; Starting & Switching
Scott D. Newsome, DO, MSCS, FAAN, FANA, Chair
- 2:45 PM Great Debate in MS Nursing: Are Digital Tools Enhancing or Eroding Patient Relationships?
Bonnie Blain, RN, CNN(C), MSCN, Chair
- 2:45 PM Integrating Wearables into MS Clinical Care: From Research to Routine Practice
Valerie Block, PT, DPTSc, Chair
- 2:45 PM GLP1-RA Meets MS: Why, How, What's Next
Erin Moynihan, NP, Chair
- 2:45 PM Managing Non-Multiple Sclerosis Patients in a Multiple Sclerosis Practice: Rare Neuroimmunological Disorders - Everything You Need to Know Part 1
Benjamin Greenberg, MD, Chair
- 2:45 PM Spinal Cord in MS: Key Clinical and Imaging Considerations
B. Mark Keegan, MD, Chair
- 2:45 PM Making the Invisible Visible
Alexandra Simpson, MD, Chair
- 2:45 PM Cognitive Screenings for Multiple Sclerosis: What Should Clinicians Know and How Can We Improve Access to Care?
Elizabeth Gromisch, PhD, Chair
- 5:00 PM Independently Supported Symposium 2
- 6:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
- 6:15 PM Supporter Showcase 3
- 6:45 PM IOMSN Reception
- 6:45 PM Foundation Reception
- 8:00 PM First Night (NASCAR Hall of Fame)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 7:00 AM Independently Supported Symposium 3
- 8:15 AM Fundamentals of MS Care Part 1
- 8:15 AM Current Topics and Trends in Rehabilitation Part 1: Wheels for Warriors: Wheelchair Considerations for the MS Patient
Patty Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Moderator; Alyssa DeCarlo, MS, OTR/L, MSCS, CSRS, LSVT, Chair
- 8:15 AM International Symposium on Gait & Balance in MS: Autonomic Dysfunction and its Impact on Gait and Balance in MS
- 8:15 AM Treating MS in 2025: Practical Issues and Special Considerations
Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD, Chair
- 8:15 AM Multiple Sclerosis Update 2026
Patricia K. Coyle, MD, Chair
- 8:15 AM Psychosocial Well-Being Across the MS Lifespan: From Adolescence to Older Adulthood
Joley Johnstone, RN, MN, NP, Co-Chair; Terry Lee-Wilk, PhD, Co-Chair
- 8:15 AM Bugs and Drugs: Management Considerations Around MS DMTs
Robert Fox, MD, Chair
- 8:15 AM Emerging Cell-based Therapies for MS
Mark Freedman, MSc, MD, FRCP, Chair
- 8:15 AM Responding to the Needs of Individuals with Advanced MS: Integrated Approaches to Care, Function, and Quality of Life
Rachael Stacom, ANP, RN, MSCN, Chair
- 11:30 AM Donald Paty Lecture
- 11:30 AM Exhibit Hall Open
- 12:30 PM Foundation Scholar Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Supporter Showcase 4 - Octave
- 1:45 PM Supporter Showcase 5 - Sanofi
- 3:00 PM Disease Modifying Therapies Platform Session
- 3:00 PM Disease Management Platform Session
- 3:00 PM Rehabilitation Platform Session
- 3:00 PM Imaging, Cognitive, Psychosocial Features of MS and Related Disorders Platform Session
- 3:00 PM Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Health Platform Session
- 3:00 PM Community Wellness Program Models for People Living with MS
Brian Hutchinson, PT, Chair
- 3:00 PM Clinical Research | Role of the Research Coordinator
Dawn Carle, RN, BScN, Chair
- 3:00 PM Malnutrition, Body Composition, and Frailty in MS
Tyler J. Titcomb, PhD, RDN, Chair
- 3:00 PM Disco and Beyond Disco with a Pharmacists' Twist
Jacquelyn Bainbridge, PharmD, FCCP, Chair
- 4:30 PM Exhibit Hall Open
- 5:00 PM Poster Session (authors stand by their work 6-7)
- 5:30 PM Supporter Showcase 6
- 7:00 PM Giants of Multiple Sclerosis Awards

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 6:00 AM Foundation Yoga
- 7:00 AM Independently Supported Symposium 4
- 8:15 AM John Whitaker Lecture
- 9:00 AM Can Do Multiple Sclerosis More About MS (Patient Program)
- 9:15 AM Fundamentals of MS Care Part 2
- 9:15 AM Current Topics and Trends in Rehabilitation Part 2
Sarah Simmons, MD PhD, Co-Chair; Matthew Plow, PhD, Co-Chair
- 9:15 AM Managing Non-MS Patients in a MS: Rare Neuroimmunological Disorders - Everything You Need to Know Part 2
Benjamin Greenberg, MD, Chair
- 9:15 AM Emerging and Established Biomarkers in Neuroinflammatory Disease
Mark S. Freedman HBSc MSc, MD, CSPQ, FANA, FAAN, FRCP, Chair
- 9:15 AM McDonald Diagnostic Criteria Part 1
- 9:15 AM Whitaker Invited Lectures
Ahmed Obeidat, MD, PhD, Chair
- 9:15 AM Beyond the Label: Navigating Biomarkers, Supplements, and High-Risk Patients
Jenelle H. Montgomery, PharmD, BCACP, CPP, Chair
- 9:15 AM Stronger You, Stronger MS Care
Carrie M. Hersh, DQ, MSc, FAAN, Co-Chair; Amy B. Sullivan, PsyD, Co-Chair
- 9:15 AM The Critical Role of Diet in MS Management: An Evidence-based Clinical Perspective
Kathleen Zackowski, PhD, OTR, MSCS, Chair
- 11:00 AM Exhibit Hall Open
- 12:30 PM Managing Non-Multiple Sclerosis Patients in a Multiple Sclerosis Practice: Rare Neuroimmunological Disorders Luncheon

Sponsored by SRNA
- 2:00 PM Fundamentals of MS Care Part 3
- 2:00 PM Current Topics and Trends in Rehabilitation Part 3: Evidence-Based Interventions to Improve Mobility Deficits in MS
Herbert Karpatkin, PT, DSc, NCS, MSCS, Chair
- 2:00 PM Managing Non-MS Patients in a MS Practice: Rare Neuroimmunological Disorders - Everything You Need to Know Part 3
Benjamin Greenberg, MD, Chair
- 2:00 PM Advances in CSF Biomarkers for Multiple Sclerosis
Sharmilee Gnanapavan, MD, PhD, Chair
- 2:00 PM McDonald Diagnostic Criteria Part 2
- 2:00 PM MS in Underserved Populations: Understanding Needs and Improving Outcomes
Mitzi Joi Williams, MD, Chair
- 2:00 PM MS Endophenotypes: Integrating Histology, Immunology, and MRI
Christopher Hemond, MD, Chair
- 2:00 PM Whitaker Platform Session
Ahmed Obeidat, MD, PhD, Chair
- 2:00 PM Cognitive Impairment in MS: Clinical Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Rehabilitation
John DeLuca, PhD, ABPP, Co-Chair; Menno M. Schoonheim, PhD, Co-Chair
- 5:15 PM Closing Ceremony and Awards



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	CMSC/IOMSN MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
Holiday Rate (until January 9)	\$425	\$650
Early Rate (until April 30)	\$500	\$650
Regular Rate (after April 30)	\$550	\$700
Student Rate (anytime)	\$275	\$275
Daily Rate	\$300	\$300
The following includes admission to the Exhibit Hall Only		
Exhibit Hall Only / Guest Pass	\$275	\$275

EXHIBIT HALL/GUEST REGISTRATION

Exhibitor or guest registrants may not claim continuing education credit. To claim credit, you must register as a full attendee or student.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Medical students, interns, residents and any individuals currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level curriculum may register at the reduced student rate.

PRESS REGISTRATION

To receive press registration at no cost, please contact Ryan Francia at rfrancia@mscare.org or call 201-487-1050, ext. 103 for the code to register. Be prepared to provide your press credentials.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made using one of the following methods:

- » Check (payable in US Dollars to CMSC)

Mail checks to:

CMSC

3 University Plaza Drive, Suite 116,
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 USA

A \$50 fee will be charged for any returned checks.

- » Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

A confirmation email will be generated upon your successful registration. Please print the confirmation for your records.

CANCELLATIONS

- » Cancellations must be confirmed in writing. Please send an email to annualmeeting@mscare.org to cancel your registration.
- » Cancellations received by March 2, 2026 or within 24 hours of your initial registration will receive a full refund.
- » Cancellations received by March 3 - April 10, 2026 will receive a 50% refund.
- » There will be no refunds for cancellations starting April 11, 2026; however, we can transfer your registration to another person.
- » For additional peace of mind, you can protect your registration by selecting the insurance option during your annual meeting registration. Get reimbursed up to 100% if you can't attend the annual meeting for a number of reasons, including covered illness, inclement weather, accidents and much more. See below for complete insurance coverage and terms and conditions.
- » In the event that this meeting is cancelled by the CMSC, notification will be provided as soon as is practicable and full refunds will be issued within thirty (30) days of cancellation. This policy shall not apply to cancellations made by the attendee.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The CMSC may award scholarships to MS professionals who require financial assistance. Applicants must meet defined criteria to be eligible for support. Scholarship applications will be available at www.msca.org/2026 in January 2026.

CHARLOTTE CONVENTION CENTER
501 S COLLEGE ST, CHARLOTTE, NC 28202
(704) 339-6000

Located in the heart of Uptown Charlotte, the Charlotte Convention Center offers a modern, state-of-the-art setting ideal for a healthcare professionals conference. Connected directly to the NASCAR Hall of Fame and just steps from hotels, dining, and entertainment, the center provides convenience and accessibility for attendees. Its expansive meeting spaces, advanced technology, and commitment to sustainability create an environment that supports collaboration, learning, and innovation—making it a premier destination for hosting impactful medical and scientific meetings.



Important Notice Regarding Hotel Reservations

If you are contacted by an individual claiming to be a hotel representative about making a reservation, please note that this is a scam. **DO NOT** make reservations over the phone with an individual who contacts you claiming to be a hotel representative; **DO NOT** respond to any emails claiming that you need to respond to them for a hotel reservation. The most secure way to book is online using the link that is provided on this page.

HOTEL INFORMATION

CMSC has arranged for attendees to reserve guest rooms at several hotels within walking distance of the Charlotte Convention Center.

- » **Charlotte Marriott City Center** | 100 W Trade St., Charlotte, NC 28202
Rate: \$259++ until May 4, 2026
- » **Hilton Charlotte Uptown** | 222 E 3rd St., Charlotte, NC 28202
Rate: \$239 by May 5, 2026
- » **The Westin Charlotte** | 601 S College St., Charlotte, NC 28202
Rate: \$259++ until May 4, 2026
- » **Omni Charlotte Hotel** | 132 E Trade St., Charlotte, NC 28202
Rate: \$250 by May 1, 2026

Go to Housing & Travel Information



GROUP HOUSING

Please go to our website at www.msca.org/2026 for housing requiring 10 rooms or more. Please download the form and submit to Lori Bennett, CMSC Housing Manager, phone: 303-513-3003, email: lori.bennett@conferencedirect.com.

Download the Group Housing Form



AIR TRAVEL

Frosch has some negotiated special air and booking rates for meeting participants. If you wish to utilize Frosch for your flights, please request a quote by emailing cmsc@frosch.com.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) the airport serving Charlotte, NC. Several transportation options are available, depending on your preference. <https://www.cltairport.com/to-and-from/>

- » **Ride App vehicles (Uber/Lyft)**
App-based rideshare services are located on the Departures/Ticketing level (upper level, inner lanes, Zones 1-3).
- » **Taxis**
Taxi service is available curbside on the Arrivals/Baggage Claim level. An attendant is on duty to assist passengers from 6:45 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

Although passengers may prearrange to use any taxi service provider, there are four taxi companies available through the Airport's taxi queue: City Cab, Crown Cab, Green Cab and Yellow Cab. These companies are evaluated annually to ensure all taxis have a GPS system, credit card technology and adhere to guidelines set forth by CLT.

International Travelers

It is recommended that international participants apply for visas at least 90 days prior to travel for the meeting. Some consulates may have delays in scheduling visa interviews. If your embassy has a consulate, you can check with the consulate to determine the wait time for an interview.

If you need a letter of invitation, please contact RYAN at rfrancia@mscare.org request a letter.

Please note that we cannot provide letters of invitation to spouses, children, or others who will be accompanying you on the trip but not attending the CMSC Meeting as registered attendees.

Expand your reach at North America's largest leading research and educational conference for MS healthcare professionals.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION THROUGH INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

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The Annual Meeting of the CMSC is the premier North American event for healthcare professionals and researchers engaged in MS care. This event offers corporate supporters, exhibitors and industry partners opportunities to display, present and educate over 2,000 MS clinicians and researchers about both new and established products and services essential to MS clinical care and research. Join more than 80 exhibitors and supporters who participate in this annual 3-day educational conference. Our membership represents a professional network of more than 15,500 healthcare clinicians. Delegates of the Annual Meeting include a diverse range of MS care specialists: clinicians, novice professionals, educators, patient and family advocates, students, residents and fellows, and the entire MS TEAM. With over 12 hours of Exhibit Hall events, our supporters and exhibitors will find numerous opportunities to engage with the MS professional community.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING, PHOENIX, AZ



PURPOSE:

The CMSC Design for Rehabilitation Competition brings together healthcare providers, engineering schools, and patients to collaborate on creating devices that significantly improve the quality of life for those with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). This competition emphasizes the power of interdisciplinary collaboration while offering young innovators real-world design challenges and the opportunity to present their innovations on a competitive platform.



WHAT TO DO:

1. Identify a Problem

→ Pinpoint a specific MS-related challenge that can be addressed with a new assistive device.

2. Build a Team

- Required:
- › Undergraduate or graduate students (at least one with engineering background).
 - › Faculty advisor.
 - › A healthcare provider (MD, PT, OT, NP, PA).
 - › Choose a team leader and contact person.
- Optional:
- › Local MS centers or healthcare facilities.
 - › Patients.
 - › Industry partners.

3. Design, Prototype, and Test

- Software-only apps are not eligible.
- Must be developed < 18 months of the competition.
- Test and refine prototypes with team members.

4. Submit a Proposal

- Include all required sections noted on [FAQ PAGE](#).
- Competitors will be informed shortly after if they meet the requirements.
- Top projects selected to attend CMSC.
- Conference registration instructions afterwards.

5. Submit Intent to Travel

- Register for conference and/or send proof of travel.
- Travel grant application sent afterwards.

6. Submit Final Pitch Materials

- 5-minute pitch deck.
- Include sections noted on [FAQ PAGE](#).

DEADLINES:

ASAP	Complete Interest Form
Jan 30, 2026	Submit Proposal
Mar 9, 2026	Conference registration and/or proof of intent to travel + travel grant application
May 11, 2026	Final submission materials due

COMPETITION DETAILS

Event: CMSC 2026 Annual Meeting (40th Anniversary)

Location: Charlotte, NC

Date: May 27-30, 2026

Format: In-Person: min 1 student required to attend per team, max 4 students

Prize: \$1,000 award

Travel Grants: Selected teams invited to CMSC can apply. Not guaranteed.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

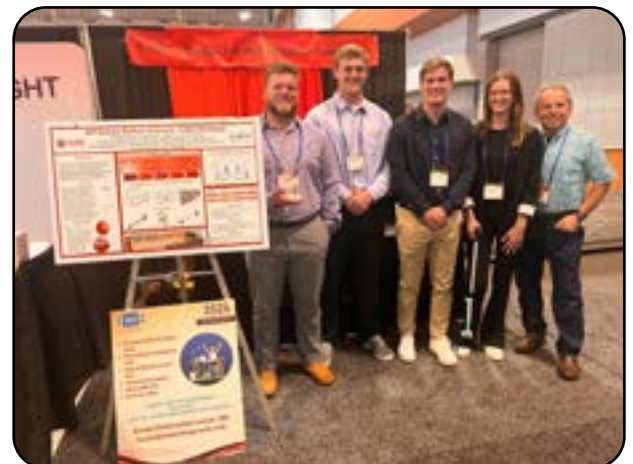
February 9, 2026	Teams invited to CMSC announced
March 23, 2026	Travel grant winners notified
May 29, 2026	Overall competition winners announced at award ceremony

OPPORTUNITY

- Meet and compete against like-minded, innovative students from across North America.
- Present innovations to thousands of clinical and technical professionals.
- Gain professional development through workshops, tours, and industry networking.
- Receive solution validation and recommendations from clinicians, industry, and judges.
- Learn directly from leading researchers.

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2025 DESIGN FOR REHAB WINNERS



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Why should you attend the 2026 Annual Meeting for the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers?



SUMMIT

Join world renowned thought leaders and experts in the field of MS for clinical courses, plenary sessions, and symposia at the largest North American educational meeting on MS care and research.



HOT MS TOPICS

Attend lectures by top MS clinicians and researchers on: cutting edge research, comprehensive care best practices, mental health and cognition, disease modification, neuroimaging, pediatric MS, rehabilitation strategies, and advocacy.



NETWORKING

Sustain your professional expertise through networking opportunities, award ceremonies, poster sessions, platform presentations, satellite symposia and exhibits with the latest products and services - all included in your registration fee!



ADVANCEMENT

Continuing education credits offered for physicians, PAs, nursing professionals, pharmacists, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers, and dietitians. Certificates of completion will be provided for all other healthcare professionals.