

YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

We are making a real difference for people with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand through research. **But we need your help to continue.** We can't do it without you. Here are some ways you can help:

DONATE Please consider making a one-off or regular donation. This can fund future research or our yearly operating costs.

PRO BONO We use professional services. Please consider providing your services on a pro bono basis.

LEAVE A LEGACY Bequests are an enormous help to us and are a meaningful way to make a lasting difference to the lives of real people.

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New Zealand
Multiple Sclerosis
Research Trust



Research that makes a
real difference.

WHY

We make a real difference in the lives of people with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand through research. **It's our passion.**

Launched in 2015, we founded the Trust to meet pressing research needs in New Zealand. Driven by our passion and guided by our vision, we are adding significant value to New Zealanders with Multiple Sclerosis.



There is a pressing need for New Zealand-based research. So much about Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand is **still unknown.**



Robust research communities underpin strong medical and clinical workforces. Research creates opportunities that will attract and retain key medical professionals.

Impact lives.

Make a real difference.

Support our mission.

OUR MISSION

To stimulate,
co-ordinate and support
New Zealand-based
research
into the cause,
prevention, treatment,
alleviation and cure of
Multiple Sclerosis,
and to disseminate
research findings.



GOALS

We are committed to several tasks, critical to the achievement of our mission. These actions form the core of our focus as we strive to make a difference.

ATTRACT AND RETAIN high-quality health professionals to work with people with Multiple Sclerosis.

COLLABORATE with other researchers and organisations for a higher ROI in Multiple Sclerosis research.

COMMUNICATE research outcomes to people with Multiple Sclerosis, their families, carers and wider community.

FUND research that furthers our mission in New Zealand.

ENCOURAGE the application of clinical research outputs into practical programmes that improve the quality of life for people with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand

MAKE SUBMISSIONS to relevant Government, health authorities and funding bodies to further our mission.

MSBase is just one of our core projects. We are spearheading and funding the adoption of MSBase in New Zealand, and it's already making a difference. This major project encourages New Zealand-based research and benefits the lives of people with Multiple Sclerosis.

Researchers in New Zealand now have access to the largest organised repository of longitudinal, anonymised data from nearly 70,000 consenting Multiple Sclerosis patients in 35 participating countries. This dataset **enables researchers to gain insight into Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand.**

MSBase is also a tool for tracking and evaluating patient health outcomes. As we fund the MSBase on-boarding, clinicians can use this insightful platform to **achieve better health outcomes for their patients.**

We're putting New Zealand on the map, with your help.



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AFFECTS REAL PEOPLE

Research makes a real difference to real New Zealanders.

People with Multiple Sclerosis suffer physically, emotionally and financially – as do their families.

Despite the significant health burden of Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand, medical researchers still do not know what causes Multiple Sclerosis, or how to cure it.

However, discoveries are continually improving patient health outcomes. **We believe in the power of research.**

3:1 The ratio of women to men who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis.



67% of the working-age people with Multiple Sclerosis change their work status because of their condition.

54% of New Zealanders with Multiple Sclerosis no longer work because of their condition.

4,000+ The number of people diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in New Zealand

37.8 is the average age that New Zealanders first develop symptoms.

