



## The National Multiple Sclerosis Society & the Congressional MS Caucus

*invite all Members of Congress and staff to a briefing  
on Progressive Multiple Sclerosis*

### **Severe, But Untreatable: Why More Medical Research is Needed for Progressive MS**

Learn about the most severe form of multiple sclerosis which currently has no treatments, and the work being done with funding from the **National Institutes of Health** and the **National MS Society** to develop treatments.

**Thursday, September 12, 2013**  
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**122 Cannon House Office Building**  
**BREAKFAST FOOD WILL BE SERVED**

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#### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Cyndi Zagieboylo**, President and CEO, National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- **Tim Coetzee, PhD**, Chief Research Officer, National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- **Peter Calabresi, MD**, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Johns Hopkins Multiple Sclerosis Center
- **Karen Knable Jackson**, MS Activist and person living with Primary Progressive MS

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, unpredictable, often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms vary dramatically from person to person and include loss of balance, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, cognitive issues, paralysis, and blindness. Depending on the person, these symptoms may be permanent or may come and go.

Research is moving us closer to a world free of MS. In the past 20 years, the first drugs to slow the progression of some types of MS were brought to market. However, the most progressive forms of the disease have no FDA-approved treatments and there is still no cure for any course of the disease.

**Come learn about the progress research funding has made, as well as the void and the hope that remain for those with the most severe form of MS—Progressive.**

To learn more about the National MS Society's public policy agenda, go to:  
<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/advocacy>

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