

Your Chance to Catch Up on:

- Emerging treatments for MS
- ANZGENE: The Genetics of Multiple Sclerosis
- Vitamin D pathway analysis using ANZ gene
- Latest MS research
- Bias & Influence in Medical Research
- Where to? Beyond the MS Prevalence Study
- Socioeconomic impact of MS

Who Should Attend

- General Practitioners
- Neurologists
- Disability Service Providers
- Social Workers
- Occupational Therapists
- MS Field Officers
- MS Researchers
- Health Reporters & Journalists
- Practice Nurses
- Neuropsychologists
- Physiotherapists
- People with MS

Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system.

A fatty substance called the myelin sheath covers the fibres of the nervous system. The myelin protects the nerves and helps messages move between the brain and the rest of the body.

In MS, the myelin sheath covering the nerves in the brain and spinal cord becomes scarred in scattered patches. This is multiple scarring, or sclerosis. Essentially, this distorts or prevents the flow of messages from the brain and spinal cord to other parts of the body.

The distortions to the messages travelling through the nervous system cause a range of problems for people with multiple sclerosis.

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A Seminar on research,
rehabilitation and emerging
treatments for multiple
sclerosis

Saturday 18th September 2010

Lower NZI 1 & 2
Aotea Centre
Auckland Convention Centre at
THE EDGE

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Seminar Programme

- **Evidence, bias and conflict of interest in research and publication**

Professor George Jelinek MD

- **Epidemiology of MS and the role of gene environment.**

Professor Bruce Taylor

Menzies Research Institute, Hobart,
Tasmania, Australia

- **Emerging Treatments in MS**

Dr Deborah Mason BSc, MBChB, FRACP

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- **Socioeconomic impact of MS in NZ**

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- **Rehabilitation & Multiple Sclerosis**

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Invitation

Focus on MS is a seminar organised by the MS Society of New Zealand offering health professionals the opportunity to learn more about latest treatments, methods of diagnosis and current research being pursued within this field.

Seminar Cost

The seminar costs \$75 per person. This includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Early Bird Special of \$60 for payments received before 31st July 2010

Registration

To register for the 2010 Focus on MS, please fill out the form overleaf and return with choice of payment method.

Cheques should be made out to 'MS Society of New Zealand Inc.'

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