

Our Questions Have Power

- the iConquerMS Participant-Driven Research Program

If you have multiple sclerosis (MS) or care for someone who does, you probably have questions about MS and its effects. Your questions and insights can help scientists shape research studies to advance knowledge about MS and improve MS care.

Historically, scientists and healthcare professionals have driven research and designed studies to learn and share. Now, through the *Our Questions Have Power* program, iConquerMS participants can play a larger role than ever before in initiating and collaborating with researchers on studies that will expand knowledge in areas that matter most to people affected by MS.

Empowering Solutions Together Partnership | Transparency | Knowledge | Listening | Respect

What Is Participant-Driven Research (PDR)?

PDR is research based on questions proposed and prioritized by people affected by a disease or medical condition. Take part in PDR and drive the direction of MS research by bringing these questions and priorities to the attention of researchers. Together, people affected by MS can weigh in on the importance of different questions or bring to light new questions.

PDR Differs from Other Forms of Research – however, research types can blend

Investigator-Initiated

A researcher proposes an idea and recruits participants affected by the issue.

Participant-Powered

A researcher designs a study and invites people to share their expertise and opinions on the design of the study.

Participant-Driven

People with MS or their care partners share their ideas for a research question and then design and conduct the study with researchers.

Why Take Part?



Have a voice.

Share your ideas, questions, comments, and priorities with the iConquerMS community and the wider MS research world.



Be a trailblazer.

Be among the first to drive and shape research on the topics most important to you and to the MS community.



Take part in research.

Engage with MS researchers, participate in research design, and use your experiences to help others.



Play a continuing role.

Stay informed; stay involved. Play a role in translating research results to impact the care of people living with MS.

