

# Addressing the information needs of people living with advanced MS

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As many as 30-40% of people with MS could be considered to have advanced MS. Based on a national UK population of 140,000 people with MS, that would suggest almost 50,000 people are living with multiple, complex MS symptoms, moderate to severe physical impairment and extensive care needs.

For people with MS, two key elements of support across all stages of the condition are:

- access to specialist health professionals
- having the right information at the right time.

We reviewed the information and support needs of people affected by advanced MS and developed new resources for families and health professionals to use with this often-underserved community.

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## Advance statement template

- Complements our book, co-written with Sarah Roderick, QN and Ellie Garlick, QN.
- Helps to gently start the conversation around advance care planning.
- Use before or alongside your existing tools and forms.
- Take a copy today, or download, share and print free copies for your patients.



Would your patients benefit from any of these resources?

## ACP interactive film

- Ask questions using voice or text prompts.
- Feels like a real conversation about advance care planning with a sensitive expert.
- Ask new questions or share with family or carers at any time.



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## Advanced MS care and support group

- Peer support for people with AMS and their carers.
- Private, closed group.
- Moderated by volunteers and MS Trust staff.
- A safe space for advice and connection.