

# MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a disease in which the immune system attacks the protective sheath (myelin) that covers nerves. Myelin damage disrupts communication between the brain and the rest of the body. Ultimately, the nerves themselves may deteriorate, a process that is currently irreversible.

Signs and symptoms vary widely, depending on the amount of damage and which nerves are affected. Some people with severe MS may lose the ability to walk independently or at all, while others experience long periods of remission during which they develop no new symptoms.

People with multiple sclerosis also may develop:

- Muscle stiffness or spasms
- Paralysis, typically in the legs
- Bladder and bowel control issues
- Mental changes
- Depression
- Epilepsy

BLACKBURN'S staff will match patients' needs with the proper equipment and supplies that allow them to continue their current activity level at home.

The following list is an example of equipment and supplies a person might need with the diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.



National  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Society

For local support resources, contact

[www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

## Medical Supplies

Youth/Adult Briefs  
Liners & Underpads  
Urological Supplies  
Wound Care  
Supplemental Nutrition  
Nurse Consultations

## Mobility Equipment

Canes  
Scooters, Walkers & Rollators  
Standard & Complex:  
Manual or Power Wheelchairs  
Assistive Technology Professionals (ATPs)

## Home Accessibility

Stair Lifts  
Vertical Platform Lifts  
Portable & Modular Ramp Systems  
Certified Environmental Access Consultant  
(C.E.A.C)

## Pharmacy

Prescribed Medications  
Unit-Dose Medications  
Pharmacist Consultations

## Bathroom Aids

Shower Chair  
Bedside Commode  
Grab Bars

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