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March is MSA Awareness Month  
February 28th is Rare Disease Day  
May is our Fundraiser Month

## International Research Registry & Support Hub

People with MSA and related brain disorders face significant challenges finding support and learning about current research, especially given the rarity of the disease. Moreover, patients often need extra help locating suitable resources. The MSA Research Registry Hub is designed as a way for patients and caregivers to build supportive networks and to connect with vital research opportunities worldwide. Visit the research registry to get connected with research opportunities and support programs:

**[defeatmsa.org/research-registry/](http://defeatmsa.org/research-registry/)**

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*Anyone with questions about MSA should consult with their doctor or other health care professional for diagnosis or possible treatment information.*

**Please help those suffering with MSA!**

**Make Checks Payable:**

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# What is MSA?

MSA is a rare, rapidly progressing neurodegenerative disorder. MSA impairs the systems that regulate blood pressure, heart rate and the bladder – many of the basic bodily functions that people take for granted every day. People with MSA suffer from dangerously low blood pressure, movement, speech and swallowing difficulties, sleep disturbances, breathing problems, rigidity and tremors. The life expectancy for those with MSA is typically 5 to 10 years. Patients with advanced MSA often become bed-bound, unable to speak and immobile. At present, there is no cure for MSA, no genetic tests to detect it, no therapy to slow it and very few treatments to manage its debilitating effects.

## Our Mission

Defeat MSA Alliance is an inclusive US based 501(c)(3) public charity that aspires to balance efforts to support patients, educate medical professionals, raise public awareness, nurture promising research and advocate for the MSA community.

**Awareness. Alleviation. Advancement.**

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is an orchard invisible."  
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