

Medical Research: It's About Carrie



“It continues to take everything from me physically, emotionally, and economically that I have worked for my entire life.”

Carrie Scott, a former marathon runner and cycling instructor, was 39-years-old when she was diagnosed with a relapsing-remitting course of Multiple Sclerosis. MS has caused cognitive and physical impairments making it impossible for her to work. Relapses have repeatedly sent her to the emergency room, leaving her bedridden for 6 weeks at a time. Finding a treatment to reduce her symptoms was a painful trial-and-error process as many medications caused side effects that were worse than the disease itself.

Although there is no cure for MS, medical research by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and private sector innovators, has led to the development of new disease-modifying therapies that can limit relapses and slow the progression of the disease. Studies supported by the NIH are exploring several avenues that could lead to better therapies and even target the disease’s underlying contributing factors.



Over 2.3 million people globally with Multiple Sclerosis face progressively declining health marked by both physical and cognitive challenges. Researchers have slowed that decline and are working to stop it entirely.

We’ve made progress. But the funding to sustain it is eroding.

Congress: harness your compassion, gather your will, and fund the National Institutes of Health at \$32 billion in FY15.

Do it for Carrie.

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