

# Multiple sclerosis classification

Typically causes exacerbations and remissions in various locations in the CNS (dissemination in space and time). Common symptoms: visual disturbances (diplopia, blurring, field cuts or scotoma), spastic paraparesis, and bladder disturbances.

## Category-Definition

relapsing-remitting episodes of acute worsening with recovery and a stable course between relapses.

### Secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

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primary progressive gradual, nearly continuous neurologic deterioration from the onset of symptoms  
progressive relapsing gradual neurologic deterioration from the onset of symptoms, but with subsequent superimposed relapses

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Relapsing-remitting MS is the most common pattern ( $\geq 70\%$ ) at the onset, and has the best response to therapy, but  $> 50\%$  of cases eventually become secondary progressive MS. Only 10% have primary progressive MS, and these patients tend to be older at onset (40-60 years) and frequently develop progressive myelopathy.

Progressive relapsing MS is very uncommon. Deficits present  $> 6$  months usually persist.

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