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# Multiple Sclerosis Guidelines Forum

Better understand the Multiple Sclerosis  
Guidelines development process  
and its implications

GUIDELINES  
FORUM by TMA  
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS



# Why a Guidelines Forum<sup>®</sup> on Multiple Sclerosis

All around the world, many chronic diseases are a burden for health systems and their management still needs to be improved.

In most cases, the guidelines that are developed to improve outcome from taking care of these diseases are highly academic and have little interest to doctors, including neurologists. Those doctors are, in most countries, the only treating doctor that a patient with a chronic disease comes into contact with.

Accordingly, the process of guidelines elaboration needs critical improvements because of the lack of adherence of healthcare professionals and patients to their best practices.

## Objectives

- To have an in depth discussion between experts and industry about MS therapy guidelines optimization for the common interest of stakeholders during a closed meeting
- To create a multi-stakeholders discussion Forum

- To focus on most advanced knowledge
- To identify gaps in treatment
- To improve the development and utilization of guidelines
- To develop particularly “field guidelines” that are applicable to ethnically and racially diverse populations with different co-morbidities
- To develop risk equations for specific geographies/populations
- To define genetic profiles for specific geographies/populations to better understand responsiveness to therapies

## About TMA

The Translational Medicine Academy (TMA) is an international academic Foundation with focused activities in Mission Critical Areas of high public health importance having significant professional and patient therapeutic and educational gaps.

## Format

A series of short presentations and discussions with a focus on practical examples, case studies and interactivity between Faculty members.

## Who should attend?

Attendees include industry representatives with interest in clinical trials, product development, market access, guidelines development and implementation, patients' advocacy specialists, clinical research organizations and payers.

# An opportunity

to meet a panel of international experts  
in Multiple Sclerosis

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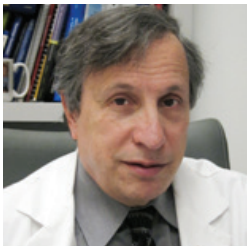
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## Why attend a Guidelines Forum®?

- The development and successful implementation of guidelines requires both communication and transparency between all stakeholders. The Guidelines Forum is a closed workshop during which meaningful discussions occur between academic faculty members covering relevant topics for industry attendees.
- A better understanding of the processes involved in guidelines development and implementation will help attendees that develop drugs, biomarkers and devices, to adapt and improve their research and development programs for the future.
- Case based discussions: the success and failure stories that inevitably accompany the release of new guidelines may be a source of inspiration for further research and development.
- Guidelines really shape clinical practice if doctors and their patients adopt them. Therefore, implementation is essential. This could also translate into earlier and more efficient development of diagnostic and therapeutic tools for patients.

At the end of the meeting, all participants will have a better understanding of the unmet needs and knowledge gaps that need to be addressed by future research and development efforts, and of the most appropriate ways of progressing to conciliate and take advantage of clinical, societal, evidence-based medicine and regulatory requirements.

# Preliminary Agenda

- Guidelines development process
- Guidelines and awareness campaigns
- Multiple Sclerosis recommendations
- Specific patient populations
- Guidelines implementation
- Case-based discussions and scenarios
- Health economic perspectives
- Latest clinical developments

## Faculty

It will include a Faculty of 15 experts, either international guideline writers, reviewers and independent experts, as well as regulatory representatives from Europe, North America and Asia.

*Presentations are not handed out and there will be no published proceedings.*

Interested in going further on Multiple Sclerosis ?

## Ongoing programs

### Participate in post forum activities with TMA.

We offer you the opportunity to go further on Multiple Sclerosis with our dedicated programs (part of TMA Mission Areas plans).

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