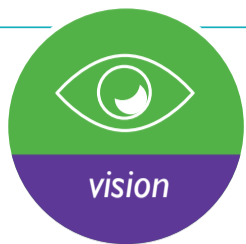




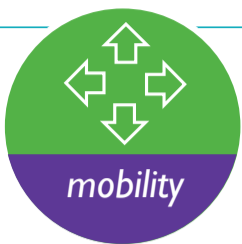
Being a Woman Newly Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis

Better Communication is Needed with Healthcare Team to Address Concerns

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that can cause a variety of debilitating symptoms, including, but not limited to, problems with:



vision



mobility



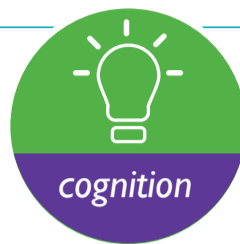
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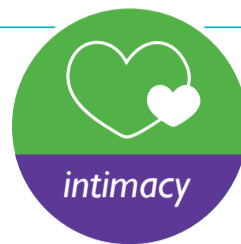
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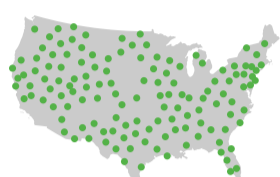


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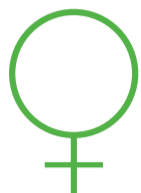


intimacy

Did You Know MS Affects:



400,000
PEOPLE
IN THE U.S.



2-3X
MORE WOMEN
THAN MEN



ONSET
USUALLY AT
THE AGE OF
20-40

Teva Pharmaceuticals conducted a unique survey of 1,000 women diagnosed with MS in the last five years to identify their main concerns at diagnosis and what kind of communication they are having with their healthcare team.



98%

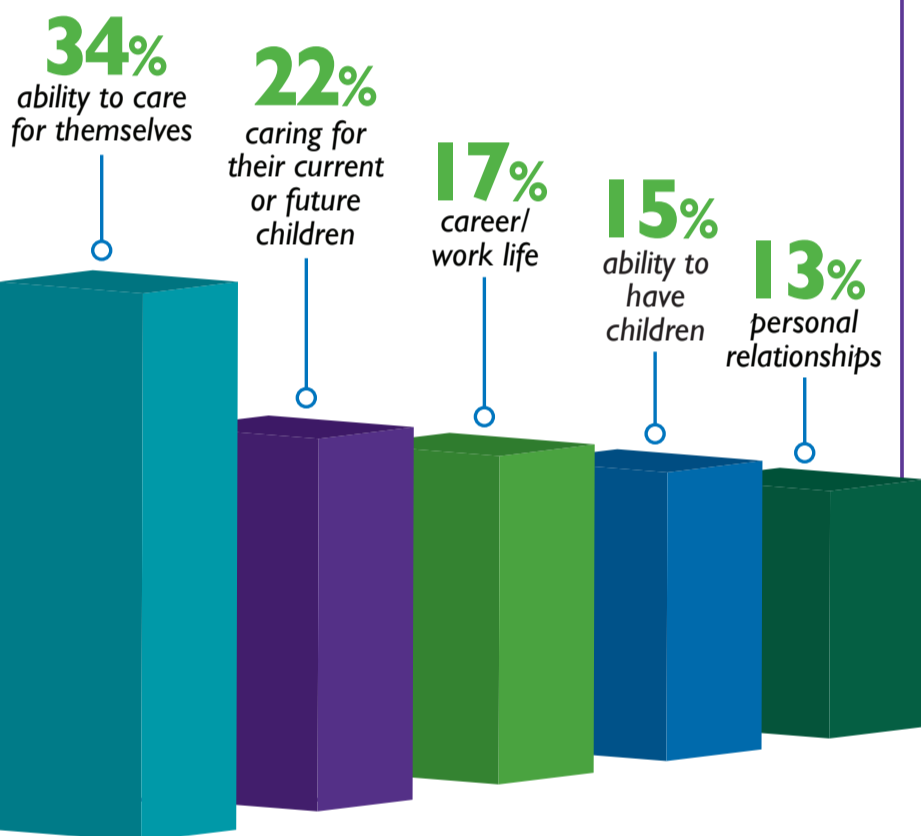
of women diagnosed with MS wish they had discussed topics with their doctor or other healthcare professionals at the time of diagnosis that weren't covered.



71%

believe talking to their doctor earlier or more openly would have made their first 6 months after diagnosis easier.

Top concerns following diagnosis included:



These women said that:



94%
Having a family
is important



52%
They strongly agree the course of their career or work life would have been significantly better if they had known more information



51%
They didn't speak to their primary care physician, even with concerns that they wouldn't be able to have children



50%
They wished they had asked about intimacy with a partner at diagnosis



31%
They wished they had asked about dating at diagnosis

To empower women to take charge of their MS, Teva and 'Can Do MS' have developed tools to help women and healthcare professionals engage right from the start about the topics that matter to women, including:



Tips for women newly diagnosed with MS



Questions for women to ask their healthcare team



HCP guide to survey results and patient conversation

For more information about the campaign and to download the resources mentioned above, visit mscando.org/womenandms



The Teva survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com) August 11-30, 2017 among 1,000 women in the United States ages 18+ diagnosed with MS in the last 5 years, using an email invitation and an online survey. The margin of error for the survey was +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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