



MS Brain Health
Time Matters

Testimonials

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Testimonials from MS neurologists and patient organizations

“The MS Brain Health report and guides have influenced policy, practice and behaviour in Norway.”
MS neurologist

“MS Brain Health has been the catalyst in getting the MS community to realise that “time is brain”, to treat MS to a well-defined target and to manage MS holistically.”
Gavin Giovannoni, MS neurologist and Chair of MS Brain Health Steering Committee

“MS Brain Health has changed the way that leading MS neurologists view best practice in MS care.”
MS organization representative

“MS Brain Health has directed the focus of our organization’s advocacy work.”
MS organization representative

MS Brain Health has had a global impact: here's what some of the survey respondents to our 2020 impact survey said ...

"More availability of disease-modifying treatments for all MS patients equally"

"Helped with establishing rapid pathways for newly diagnosed to be seen and commenced on treatment"

"MS Brain Health has certainly changed the way that leading MS neurologists view best practices in MS care"

"We have used MS Brain Health to ensure all of our staff and people with MS understand the importance of advocating for better care"

"We have made sure politicians and health planners have copies of brain health. We are also participating in three centres in using the MS Brain Health auditing tool and look forward to the results"

Reported changes are far-reaching, including treatment access and changes in national policy

“Have seen an increased use of higher efficacy therapies in our area”

“Initiatives to speed up diagnosis and treatment”

“MS Research Australia policy adoption/endorsement”

“Preservation of upper limb function”

“Updated criteria for reimbursement of MS DMTs”

“... the Brazilian Academy of Neurology cites the MS Brain Health report in the documents that argue for a change in the standard national MS protocol”

“The lifestyle recommendations are part of newly updated standards for diagnostics and treatment of MS and NMO in Czech Republic”

“Greater acceptance of positive impact of early interventions, monitoring and the changes individuals can make”

Reported planned changes by MS Brain Health QI tool triallists

“Refer for lifestyle modification support more routinely.”

“Further and repeated cognitive evaluation on regular basis.”

“Comorbidity screening and review”

“Improve documentation by introducing a proforma.”

“Improve communication with primary healthcare and rehabilitation specialists in regard to patient management.”

“Reminder about discussions on brain health with colleagues not heavily involved in MS care.”

Words of support from anonymous peer reviewers

“Hobart *et al.*, are to be commended for a thorough and thoughtful response to the original reviews. The only additional advice I would give to the group is to **take proactive steps to disseminate their vision** and encourage implementation of the quality standards. Publication in the journal is an important first step but success will require leadership and the **group is uniquely positioned for such a role.**”

“This will be a landmark paper I am sure. The first step towards measuring quality in MS services – very exciting times.”