**(S79) MS NEXT STEP: INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE NEWLY DIAGNOSED**

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**Background:** One of the goals of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to address the challenges of each person living with multiple sclerosis (MS) through outreach to neurologists and other health-care professionals to ensure referral of people with MS early in the disease. To assist health-care professionals in their work with people newly diagnosed, the Society is proud to announce the availability of the updated MS Next Step product. **Objectives:** MS Next Step is an introduction to MS and the Society’s resources for people living with MS. MS Next Step is designed to be the very first information a person receives following a diagnosis, including the information someone should know about topics that are most important during the days and weeks after a diagnosis. Topics discussed include what causes MS, who gets MS, types of MS, treatment options, disclosure, and so on. **Methods:** The new MS Next Step is packaged much like an audio CD and includes a DVD with video content, electronic versions of the booklet and video transcripts, and Spanish translations of all content. The DVD is narrated by Meredith Vieira.  

**Conclusions:** MS Next Step focuses on engaging those who have been newly diagnosed in specific ways to work with their doctor closely to take control of their MS; to participate in Knowledge Is Power; to get accurate information, which they can do by exploring Society resources; and to “Join the Movement” in a way that makes sense for them.

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