

From risk to response: recognising and responding to family domestic and sexual violence in Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and broader neurology

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Sponsor	Monash University
Enrollment	1,044 participants

Plain Language Summary

Multiple sclerosis (MS) and other neurological conditions can increase a person's vulnerability to family, domestic, and sexual violence (FDSV). Yet this intersection is rarely addressed in neurology clinics. This study is working to understand how common FDSV is among people living with MS and neurological conditions, how it affects their health outcomes, and how the healthcare system can better identify and respond to it.

Participants with multiple sclerosis will complete screening questionnaires and surveys about their experiences and healthcare, and can optionally take part in an interview. Their MS outcomes will then be tracked over three years. The study will use this information to develop better tools and guidelines for neurologists to recognise and respond to violence in their patients.

You may be eligible if you have a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, are eligible for Medicare, and are able to participate independently. People who are currently in an unsafe situation involving family violence, have unstable mental illness, are under the influence of substances, or are pregnant or breastfeeding are not eligible, to ensure participant safety.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion (1)

- Multiple Sclerosis

Exclusion (6)

- Unable to participate independently
- Recent lived experience of family violence and unsafe as per MARAM risk indicators
- Unstable mental illness
- Under influence of drugs and or alcohol
- Pregnant or breastfeeding
- ... and 1 more (see full listing online)

Locations (1 total)

VIC, Australia

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