

Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic

What is Devic's Disease?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S AN AILMENT THAT HAS FOOLED MANY DOCTORS. DEVIC'S DISEASE IS A FAIRLY RARE CONDITION THAT ATTACKS THE BODY IN THE SAME WAY AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS... TARGETING NERVES IN THE EYE AND SPINAL CORD.
Brian Weinschenker, M.D. Track 2 (:26)	"EYE INFLAMMATION, CAUSING BLURRED VISION, WHICH IS ONE OF THE KEY SYMPTOMS OF M-S... AND ATTACKS OF SPINAL CORD INFLAMMATION WHICH CAUSE NUMBNESS, WEAKNESS, EVEN TO THE POINT OF PARAYLSIS."

	<p>NEUROLOGIST BRIAN WEINSHENKER AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT MAYO CLINIC TOOK A CLOSER LOOK. THEY DISCOVERED THE PRESENCE OF AN ANTIBODY IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF DEVIC'S PATIENTS...</p>
<p>Dr. Weinshenker Track 2 (6:16)</p>	<p>"AND IT WAS ENTIRELY SPECIFIC. IT WAS NEVER SEEN IN TYPICAL M-S. WE WERE ABLE TO SHOW THAT THIS ANTIBODY COULD COMPLETELY SEPARATE THESE TWO ENTITIES."</p>
	<p>AND THAT'S IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WHILE DEVIC'S DISEASE AND M-S MAY LOOK AND ACT THE SAME, TREATMENTS ARE VERY DIFFERENT.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
