

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Treating MS**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME? IT'S OFTEN THE FIRST THING PATIENTS ASK AFTER BEING TOLD THEY HAVE M-S...MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. FOR MAYO CLINIC DR. SEAN PITTOCK IT'S A TOUGH ANSWER.
<b>Sean Pittock, M.D.</b> <b>Track 1 (7:35)</b>	"THE REALITY IS THAT THE OUTCOME IS VERY, VERY VARIABLE."
	M-S AFFECTS THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE TROUBLE WITH VISION AND BALANCE, AS WELL AS WEAKNESS AND OR NUMBNESS IN

	<p>THE ARMS AND LEGS. SYMPTOMS OFTEN APPEAR DURING ATTACKS THAT CAN LAST FOR WEEKS. SOME CASES ARE SO MILD, ONLY CAREFUL OBSERVATION IS NEEDED. MEDICATIONS CAN HELP REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF THOSE ATTACKS, AND MAY SLOW THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Pittock</b> <b>Track 2 (10:28)</b></p>	<p>“YES, THE DRUGS HAVE BENEFITS. BUT THE BENEFITS ARE MILD TO MODERATE. WE’RE NOT DEALING WITH WONDER DRUGS.”</p>
	<p>THAT’S WHY DR. PITTOCK SAYS IT’S IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DISEASE, AND HEALTH OVERALL.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

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