
Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

What is MSA?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	AS ITS NAME SUGGESTS, MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY OR M-S-A IS...
Paola Sandroni, M.D.	"A PRETTY COMPLEX CONDITION WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED BY A CONSTELLATION OF NEUROLOGIC SYMPTOMS."
	ACCORDING TO MAYO CLINIC DR. PAOLA SANDRONI, THAT CAN INCLUDE BLADDER AND BOWEL PROBLEMS, INADEQUATE SWEATING AND SLEEP DISORDERS. PATIENTS ALSO EXPERIENCE A SEVERE DROP IN BLOOD PRESSURE WHEN THEY STAND UP CAUSING THEM TO

	PASS OUT.
Dr. Sandroni	“IN ADDITION TO THE AUTONOMIC DYSFUNCTION, MSA PATIENTS HAVE SOME FORM OF MOTOR DISORDER WHICH CAN BE LIKE A PARKINSON’S PATIENT.”
	MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY USUALLY STRIKES AFTER AGE 50. AND IT’S A PROGRESSIVE DISEASE. AS IT GET’S WORSE, PATIENTS WILL TYPICALLY DEVELOP A COMBINATION OF SYMPTOMS. DR. SANDRONI SAYS THERE IS NO CURE AND WE CAN’T STOP THE PROGRESSION, BUT THERE ARE TREATMENTS THAT CAN HELP MINIMIZE THE SYMPTOMS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.