



The Sonya Slifka Longitudinal Multiple Sclerosis Study

**The Slifka Study**

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## ***Would you like to join a national MS research effort?***

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is recruiting 2,500 people for the second phase of the Sonya Slifka Longitudinal Multiple Sclerosis Study, a long-term study of people with MS across the country. The study began in 2000 and gathers information about various aspects of MS. It is named for a woman with MS whose family is helping to support the project. Early results from the Sonya Slifka Study have increased our knowledge of MS, helped MS researchers develop more effective ways to treat this disease, and enabled the National MS Society to advocate for policies that benefit people with MS.

***We are now seeking people with MS who belong to one or more of the following groups:***

***Recently diagnosed (in 2007)***

***African-American***

***Hispanic***

***or***

***18-24 years old***

If you have MS and are recently-diagnosed (in 2007), African American, Hispanic, or 18-24 years old, we invite you to participate in the Sonya Slifka Study. Participation involves a 45-60 minute telephone interview at the beginning of the study and a 15-20 minute telephone interview every 6 months after that. Participants also keep records of the health services they use. Participation is *voluntary* and all information collected is kept *confidential* to the extent allowed by law. Interviews are conducted in English.

This is a very important study—it has already begun to help us understand the impact of MS on patients and their families, how to manage MS more effectively, and how to advocate for better access to health care. Please join us in this exciting endeavor!

***If you want to participate or learn more,  
please contact the Sonya Slifka MS Study, toll-free at  
1-800-305-8013***

***We will answer your questions and determine whether  
you are eligible to participate***