

Our Goals

Staffed entirely by volunteers, Defeat MSA New Zealand Trust seeks to:

- Build a community that truly serves those that suffer from MSA
- Cultivate promising research into treatments and slowing MSA
- Nurture better education of health professionals about MSA
- Raise greater public awareness about living with MSA

Defeat MSA New Zealand Trust invites all other like-minded individuals around the world, to join us in this noble fight: to speak for those who cannot, with one mind, one heart and one voice: to Defeat MSA forever!

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**March is MSA Awareness Month
February 28th is Rare Disease Day
May is Our Fundraiser Month**



**Defeat Multiple
System Atrophy
New Zealand**



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What is MSA?

Multiple System Atrophy is a rare rapidly progressing neurodegenerative disorder. MSA impairs the systems that regulate blood pressure, heart rate and bladder - many of the basic bodily functions that people take for granted every day.

People with MSA suffer from dangerously low blood pressure, speech and swallowing difficulties, sleep disturbances, breathing problems, rigidity and tremors.

The life expectancy for those with MSA is typically 5-10 years. Patients with advanced MSA often become bedridden, unable to speak and completely immobile.

At present, there is no cure for MSA, no genetic tests to detect it and very few treatments to manage its debilitating effects.

Our Mission

Realising that much of the current attention is focused on more widely known diseases, Multiple System Atrophy is overlooked. MSA patients are confronted with a dim prognosis and left with few options.

Defeat MSA New Zealand Trust aims to increase AWARENESS, help ALLEVIATE suffering from MSA and ADVANCE research towards a cure.

Awareness. Alleviation. Advancement.

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of an apple
is an orchard invisible.”
~ Kahlil Gibran**

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International Research Information Registry

The International Research Information Registry is a way for MSA community members to provide their contact information and other details, if they wish to be contacted about participating in experimental drug trials and research studies. Defeat MSA affiliated charities continue to strongly advocate for more drug trials and a more equitable implementation of them worldwide. Hosted by Defeat MSA Alliance (USA) but available to anyone diagnosed with MSA globally, the registry is completely voluntary and strictly confidential.

defeatmsa.org/research-registry/

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