



RUSSIAN MS SOCIETY

The **RUSSIAN MS SOCIETY** brings together NGOs and represents the interests of citizens of the Russian Federation being people affected by MS.



Vision



The Russian MS Society (RuMSS) is the key public organisation among Russian counterparts that represent the interests of people with multiple sclerosis (MS) and their families.

The Organisation's mission is to improve the quality of life of people affected by multiple sclerosis.

For this purpose, RuMSS initiates, accumulates and directs activities of wide communities, governments, businesses and the professional community aiming at overcoming the socioeconomic, medical, scientific problem as multiple sclerosis is.

The basic RuMSS principles lie within its concern for the wellbeing of each person affected by MS, openness to social partnership, involvement in issues caused by MS, competence.



Organisation's structure



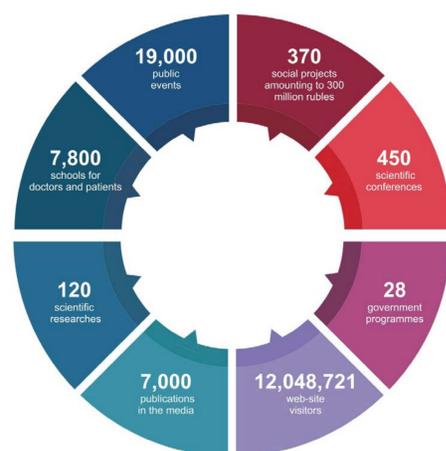
RuMSS was established in 2001, at the Congress of representatives of 48 regions of Russia.

Today, the organisation is represented in 75 Russian subjects and has about 70 000 members: Patients, their family members, professionals, public figures. In total, RuMSS represents about 500,000 people.

The organisation is headed by the President, elected for a 5-year term, who relies on the Presidential Council. Within RuMSS, a number of Russia-wide offices operate. RuMSS incorporates 54 NGOs.



Organisation's Results



Since 2001, RuMSS has united all voluntary MS organisations in Russia.

Being a public/voluntary organisation, RuMSS has managed MS to be understood in Russia not as a narrow scientific issue, but as a socio-economic one. This shift has made it possible to change the situation completely.

To increase the accessibility of treatment, RuMSS has carried out tens of thousands of events with authorities and partners, developed a number of federal programmes, initiated creating a Russia-wide network of profile MS centers.

Over 2001-2017, the number of identified patients increased from 5,000 to 90,000. And, the availability of medicines for those needing them increased from 30% to 99.5%. The pharmaceutical market has grown 27 times.

Results

Today, the organisation participates in making the state policy to help patients with MS, shares its experience with other counterparts, and it is the key organisation within the All-Russian Union of Patients.

RuMSS demonstrates its experience internationally as it is a member of the MS International Federation (MSIF), the European MS Platform at the European Union Department for Social Development (EMSP).

Since 2012, RuMSS has been in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UN.

