

*Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic*

*What is Multiple Sclerosis*

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S A CHRONIC, OFTEN DEBILITATING DISEASE THAT AFFECTS TWICE AS MANY WOMEN AS MEN. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT CAUSES MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. BUT, IN GENERAL, SAYS MAYO CLINIC NEUROLOGIST BRIAN WEINSHENKER....
<b>Brian Weinshenker, M.D. Track 1 (3:45)</b>	"THE CULPRITS ARE THE IMMUNE CELLS...THE BRAIN, SPINAL CORD AND OPTIC NERVES ARE THE VICTIMS."
	THE CELLS - WHICH NORMALLY PROTECT YOU FROM THINGS LIKE VIRUSES - TURN AGAINST THE

	BODY, CAUSING INFLAMMATION AND SCARRING WHICH...
<b>Dr. Weinshenker</b> <b>Track 1 (4:30)</b>	“OFTEN WILL CAUSE ACUTE SYMPTOMS THAT WE CALL AN ATTACK.”
	THOSE ATTACKS MAY INCLUDE NUMBNESS OR WEAKNESS IN THE ARMS AND LEGS...VISION PROBLEMS... DIZZINESS AND FATIGUE. ATTACKS CAN APPEAR SUDDENLY, AND LAST FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS, OFTEN PROGRESSING INTO PERMANENT DISABILITY. THERE IS NO CURE, BUT TREATMENTS CAN HELP RELIEVE SYMPTOMS AND REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF ATTACKS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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