



Women with multiple sclerosis and the occupational therapists who treat them: Experiences of sexual dissatisfaction, quality of life, and sexual rehabilitation

Three second year graduate students from Midwestern University and an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Program are investigating the following:

- The experiences of women who have MS and have, at one time or another, had troubles with sexual function and/or been sexually dissatisfied due to symptoms.
- The experiences with intervention related to dysfunction (if applicable) as well as overall experience with healthcare providers.
- The factors that allow some women to gain support and engage in the healthy sex lives of their choice, while others run into barriers that keep them from the same.

Researchers will also be talking separately to occupational therapy practitioners (OT's) and asking similar questions about providing services so as to see if there is a match between clients and OT's.

ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED?

- You must be a woman over the age of 18 with MS
- You must speak English
- You must be in an intimate relationship with a partner for at least 6 months
- You must have experienced current or previous sexual dysfunction and/or dissatisfaction due to MS symptoms

If you will be asked to do the following:

- Complete an Online Survey Packet (we have paper documents available) asking you questions about yourself, your history, your health and your experiences with MS and healthcare providers. This is completely confidential. Just follow this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2YT6GDZ>

If you would like to participate in a **focus group** as well, you can indicate that on the survey or contact the researcher directly. This would involve:

- Participation in a videotaped group session with approximately seven other women that will last between 60 and 120 minutes.

If you are interested in participating in this study please contact:

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Appendix F: Consumer Recruitment Flyer

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