MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

A dangerous path

Patients diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) face unpredictable and increasingly debilitating symptoms. Nonadherence can make these adverse events more costly and dangerous.

Care

Proper therapy helps slow the progression of MS. But as the population increases, lack of adherence is becoming a bigger problem.

Growing population

>400K

Americans have MS and 200 more are diagnosed every week[1]

Poor adherence

>25%

discontinue treatment in the first 3 months[2]

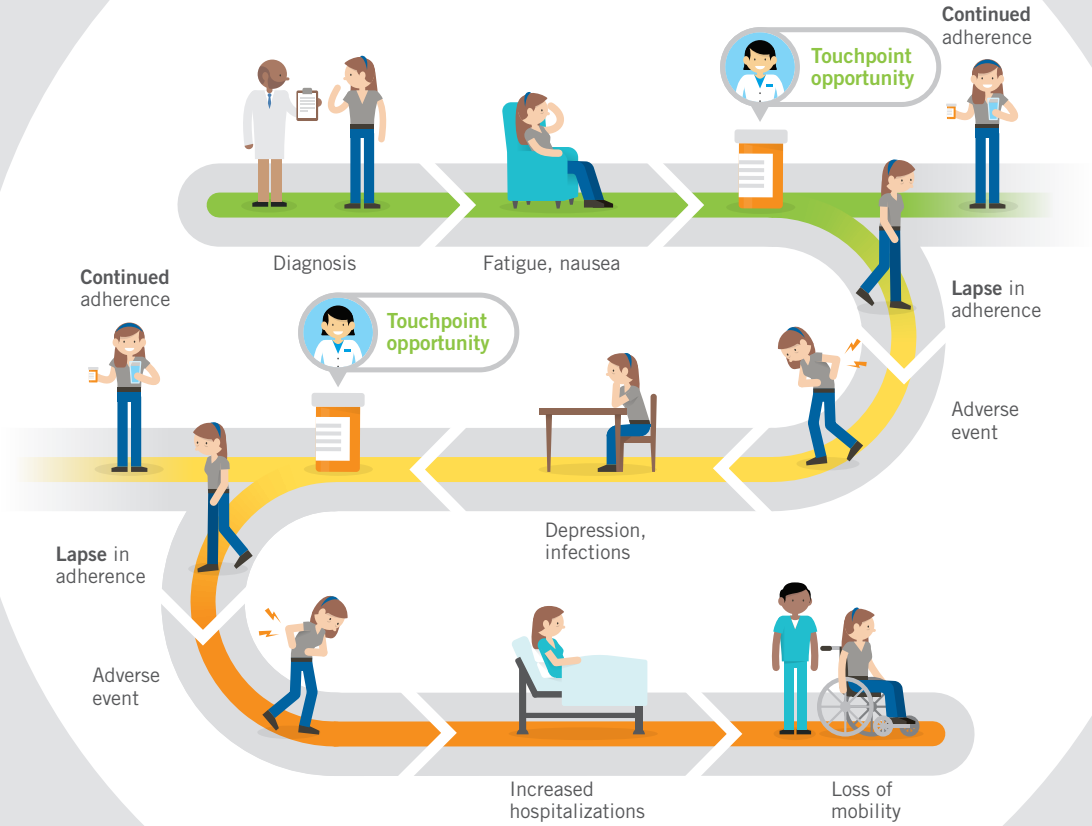
More options than ever

15%

of patients have an effective therapy option in 2017 for the first time

The path of nonadherence

The side effects of MS medicine can be challenging, but proper treatment greatly increases long-term quality of life. However, the path of nonadherence is **unforgiving** and **irreversible**.



Cost $

A 10% year-over-year trend increase for the next three years is expected due to a growing patient population with low adherence rates.[3]

Costly care

$70K+

per patient per year[3]

Driving up trend

#4

drug trend driver[3]

The price of nonadherence

$5,400

additional annual cost per nonadherent patient[4]

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