

Strategy 2027-2031



Vision: Better lives for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis (MS).



Collaboration: We combine our individual strengths and embrace diverse perspectives, including lived experience, to deliver greater impact through teamwork and partnerships.



Purpose: In partnership with the MS community, we conduct ground breaking research to understand, prevent, treat and manage MS.



Respect: We are inclusive, open and honest. We build trust with colleagues, partners, collaborators and the community, and we hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity.



Making a Difference: We are driven by the difference our work makes for people affected by MS. We keep each other motivated, celebrate the wins, and stay committed even when it gets hard.



Brain Health

We are learning how the central nervous system (CNS) initiates and drives MS disease processes to identify drug candidates that slow or stop disease progression.

- Develop and validate disease models.
- Identify molecular and cellular mechanisms of CNS pathology.
- Select and evaluate drug candidates for clinical translation.
- Build collaborations for greatest impact.



Genomics

We are successfully translating genomics & other omics findings into improved MS disease knowledge, treatment & prevention strategies.

- Grow national international partnerships for new MS cohorts.
- Foster translation through industry partnerships.
- Resolve current knowledge gaps to inspire future direction.
- Integrate knowledge pathways, treatments and clinical trial design.



Clinical Research

We are advancing treatments for progressive MS using novel trial designs & advanced randomised controlled trials.

- Strengthen consumer co-design of MS clinical trials.
- Acquire the personnel, expertise & infrastructure to support advanced clinical trial designs.
- Foster a sustainable funding model for both industry & investigator led trials.



Epidemiology & Digital Health

We are improving the lives of the MS community using epidemiological and digital tools, measures, programs & platforms.

- Adapt & implement new technologies, including the use of artificial intelligence.
- Co-design & deliver priority programs that improve the lives of people affected by MS.
- Strengthen what is working well by identifying new opportunities that add value.



Health Economics

We are understanding & communicating the true health economic impacts of MS & other neurodegenerative conditions.

- Use MS as an exemplar.
- Expand health economic datasets & analysis to include additional direct and indirect economic impacts.
- Develop open source health economics models for Australia and other countries.
- Include lived experience storytelling in communications.



Consumers & Community

We are leading best practice consumer & community involvement (CCI) in research.

- Diversify CCI & extend awareness of the Flagship by embracing contemporary communication methods.
- Promote appropriately resourced CCI plans in all major grants and projects.
- Build capacity for consumer led & co-designed MS research.
- Advance the evaluation of CCI.



Partners and Stakeholders



Capacity Building



Research Excellence



Translation and Impact