



## What is *Partners in MS Care* ?

### **Mission Statement:**

*People with multiple sclerosis (MS) receive optimal care and support when strong collaborative relationships exist between health care professionals and the Society.*

*Partners in MS Care* is a National MS Society program that recognizes and supports quality MS care. The Society believes that people living with MS receive optimal care and support when strong collaborative relationships exist between health care professionals and the Society.

Who are *Partners in MS Care*? *Partners* include health care professionals in the areas of neurology, mental health and rehabilitation, as well as sites that provide multi-disciplinary health care. *Partners* demonstrate knowledge and experience in MS care, and have a special interest in treating people living with multiple sclerosis.

### **Partners in MS Care Approach**

*Partners in MS Care* recognizes the important relationship between health care professionals and the Society. This partnership, characterized by clearly defined responsibilities, is described in a written agreement between the Society and the clinical institution, practice or health care provider. A national Comprehensive Care Review Committee recommends a clinical site for designation as a *Center for Comprehensive and Coordinated MS Care* and a local chapter's Clinical Advisory Committee recommends partnership agreements between health care providers in the areas of neurologic care, rehabilitation and mental health.

Certain criteria must be met to be recommended as a *Partner in MS Care*, such as MS experience, demonstrated MS knowledge and involvement in the MS community and in National MS Society activities.