

# Natalizumab for the treatment of adults with highly active relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis

Information for the public

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Natalizumab (Tysabri or biosimilars) is available on the NHS as a possible treatment for highly active relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis in adults, if:

- it is rapidly evolving severe relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis, which is defined by:
  - 2 or more relapses in the previous year, and
  - baseline MRI evidence of disease activity.

If you are not eligible for natalizumab but are already having it, you should be able to continue until you and your doctor decide when best to stop.

## Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. See [our webpage on making decisions about your care](#).

## Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

## Information and support

The [NHS webpage on multiple sclerosis](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Multiple Sclerosis Society](#), 0808 800 8000
- [Multiple Sclerosis Trust](#), 0800 032 3839

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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