

PDDS: Patient-determined Disease Steps

Please read the choices listed below and choose the one that best describes your own situation.

This scale focuses mainly on how well you walk. You might not find a description that reflects your condition exactly, but please mark the **one** category that describes your situation the closest.

0 - normal

I may have some mild symptoms, mostly sensory due to MS but they do not limit my activity. If I do have an attack, I return to normal when the attack has passed.

1 - mild disability

I have some noticeable symptoms from my MS but they are minor and have only a small effect on my lifestyle.

2 - moderate disability

I don't have any limitations in my walking ability. However, I do have significant problems due to MS that limit daily activities in other ways.

3 - gait disability

MS does interfere with my activities, especially my walking. I can work a full day, but athletic or physically demanding activities are more difficult than they used to be. I usually don't need a cane or other assistance to walk, but I might need some assistance during an attack.

4 - early cane

I use a cane or a single crutch or some other form of support (such as touching a wall or leaning on someone's arm) for walking all the time or part of the time, especially when walking outside. I think I can walk 25 feet in 20 seconds without a cane or crutch. I always need some assistance (cane or crutch) if I want to walk as far as 3 blocks.

5 - late cane

To be able to walk 25 feet, I have to have a cane, crutch or someone to hold onto. I can get around the house or other buildings by holding onto furniture or touching the walls for support. I may use a scooter or wheelchair if I want to go greater distances.

6 - bilateral support

To be able to walk as far as 25 feet I must have 2 canes or crutches or a walker. I may use a scooter or wheelchair for longer distances.

7 - wheelchair / scooter

My main form of mobility is a wheelchair. I may be able to stand and/or take one or two steps, but I can't walk 25 feet, even with crutches or a walker.

8 - bedridden

Unable to sit in a wheelchair for more than one hour.