

## **Anesthesia, surgery, dental care and MS**

### **99. What is the association between anesthesia and surgery in MS patients?**

MS is not a contraindication to having anesthesia. MS patients can receive epidural, local and general anesthesia as recommended by an anesthesiologist. MS also is not a contraindication for any surgery. Patients are encouraged to discuss this with the neurologist in detail before any planned surgical procedures requiring anesthesia.

### **100. What is the role of dental care in MS?**

MS patients should undergo dental care as planned. Only those patients who are on immunosuppressants (chemotherapy) or actively taking steroids should consult with their neurologist to discuss the risk of infection prior to a dental procedure. In these circumstances, it may be advisable to take a course of antibiotics before the dental procedure.