

# 10 disease-modifying treatment options



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Weighing the [benefits, risks and side effects](#) of each MS medication.

Each medication is different in terms of how it is administered, its history of use, side effects and more. Explore the available options, beginning with this list.

**Brand name:** Betaseron®

**Chemical name:** interferon beta-1b

**Frequency:** Every other day; subcutaneous (injected just under the skin)

**Year approved:** 1993

**For more info or financial help:** 800-788-1467, [betaseron.com/betaplus/affordability](http://betaseron.com/betaplus/affordability)

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**Brand name:** Avonex®

**Chemical name:** interferon beta-1a

**Frequency:** Once a week; intramuscular (injected directly into a muscle)

**Year approved:** 1996

**For more info or financial help:** 800-456-2255, [msactivesource.com](http://msactivesource.com)

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**Brand name:** Copaxone®

**Chemical name:** glatiramer acetate

**Frequency:** Daily; subcutaneous

**Year approved:** 1996

**For more info or financial help:** 800-887-8100, [copaxone.com/aboutsharesolutions.aspx](http://copaxone.com/aboutsharesolutions.aspx)

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**Brand name:** Novantrone®

**Chemical name:** mitoxantrone

**Frequency:** Every three months

**Year approved:** 2000

**For more info or financial help:** [nationalMSSociety.org/novantrone](http://nationalMSSociety.org/novantrone)

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**Brand name:** Rebif®

**Chemical name:** interferon beta-1a

**Frequency:** Three times weekly; subcutaneous

**Year approved:** 2002

**For more info or financial help:** 877-447-3243, [mslifelines.com](http://mslifelines.com)

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**Brand name:** Tysabri®

**Chemical name:** natalizumab

**Frequency:** Every four weeks

**Year approved:** 2006

**For more info or financial help:** 800-456-2255, [msactivesource.com](http://msactivesource.com)

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**Brand name:** Extavia®

**Chemical name:** interferon beta-1b

**Frequency:** Every other day; subcutaneous

**Year approved:** 2009

**For more info or financial help:** 800-245-5356, [patientassistancenow.com](http://patientassistancenow.com)

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**Brand name:** Gilenya®

**Chemical name:** fingolimod

**Frequency:** Once a day

**Year approved:** 2010

**For more info or financial help:** 800-245-5356, [patientassistancenow.com](http://patientassistancenow.com)

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**Brand name:** Aubagio®

**Chemical name:** teriflunomide

**Frequency:** Once a day

**Year approved:** 2012

**For more info or financial help:** 855-676-6326, [MSOnetoOne.com](http://MSOnetoOne.com)

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**Brand name:** Tecfidera™

**Chemical name:** dimethyl fumarate

**Frequency:** Twice a day

**Year approved:** 2013

**For more info or financial help:** 800-456-2255, [msactivesource.com](http://msactivesource.com)

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