

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

# Self-Help Group Leader Quarterly Meeting

**April 24, 2010** 

#### Agenda

- 10:00- 10:10- Introductions
- 10:10- 10:40- Presentation by Toni Saldana-King, RN, BSN, MSCN- New Medication Amypra
- 10:40-11:00- Q&A with Nurse Toni
- 11:00-11:25- Discussion about Regional Priorities
- 11:25-11:30- Closing and reminders



## Introductions

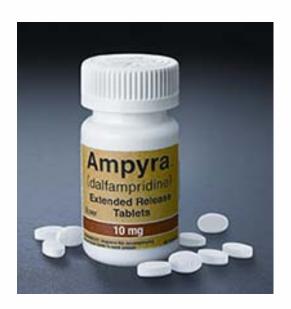
- Please Introduce Yourself!
  - What group do you lead?
  - How long have you been meeting?





# Toni Saldana-King, RN, BSN, MSCN

Toni will tell us about Ampyra





#### **Ampyra- The Process**

- You and Neurologist Discuss Medication to See If It's Right for You
- If So, You and Doc Fill Out Special Form From Ampyra
- Form is Faxed to Ampyra Patient Support Services Center
- Then Benefits Investigation Begins- May Take Several Weeks
- And End of Investigation- Fax Goes Back to Doc w/ Copay Info
  That Insurance Company Would Charge- May Be Around \$200\$300
- This Is Sent to Special Pharmacy in Your Plan
- Pharmacy Calls You to Set Up Delivery and THEN It Will Mitigate Down the Copay to \$40 or So.

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### **Ampyra Patient Support Services Request Form**

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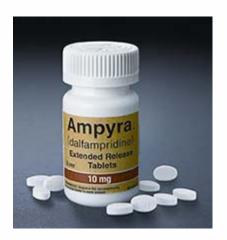
#### **Ampyra- Patient Assistance Program**

- If You Are Uninsured or Under-Insured- Medication May Be Free
- It Is Approved for Medicare and Medicaid
  - The PAP May Cover the "Doughnut Hole" and The Remainder of the Year
- PAP Goes Through Same Process but During Benefits Investigation Phase Form Will Be Sent to Centric Health Resources for Processing
  - Patient Will Be Notified By Ampyra Patient Support Services
  - Patient Will Have to Fill Out Another Application



# **Ampyra- Some things to know**

- This Medication is NOT Intended to Replace Any Disease-Modifying Medication!
- It May Take 2-6 Weeks to Take Effect and May Not Work in Everyone
- It is Indicated For Use in All Types of MS





## **Questions and Answers**

#### **Questions?**





# **Regional Priorities for 2011**

- History of Regionalization
- Preliminary Programmatic Priorities Identified for Region E
  - Address the Financial Impact of MS
  - Outreach & Support to Underserved Populations (Rural & Cultural)
  - Progressive MS/ Long Term Care Services & Support
  - Wellness Programs
  - Clinic Affiliations/ Professional Outreach
  - Staff Professional Development





### Regional Priorities for 2011- Questions

- From 1-3, how would you rate the level of importance for each priority identified?
  - 1= Very Important
  - 2= Moderately Important
  - 3- Least Important
- In each of these areas, what do you think is needed most to be done?
- Are there any recommendations you would provide the Society on addressing these priorities?
- From your perspective, are the priorities identified a good starting point for the Region to focus on?
- Are there other areas you feel should be priorities for the region and why?

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## **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

• This Week Is Volunteer Appreciation Week! Everyone Here at the National MS Society and Especially Your Staff Liaison Wants to THANK YOU So Very Much For The Wonderful Work You Do Everyday for People With MS. You Are Such An Important Part of The MS Society And We Appreciate All of the Time, Energy, and Devotion You Give to Your Groups.

