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**JOHN FLEMING TO RECEIVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY**

*Dr. Fleming recognized for more than 35 years of service.*

(HARTLAND, WISCONSIN) –John Fleming, M.D., was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding service to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society during its National Leadership Conference, November 8-10 in Dallas, Texas.

In a letter to Dr. Fleming announcing his selection as an honoree for the National MS Society Lifetime Achievement Award, Cyndi Zagieboylo, president and CEO of the National MS Society, said she looked forward to congratulating him in person as he joins “a most esteemed and select group of the nation’s volunteers.”

Dr. Fleming is currently a Wisconsin Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee member, was a member of the Wisconsin Chapter’s Board of Trustees and has served nationally on the Society’s National Clinic Committee and Medical Advisory Board. He was previously inducted into the Society’s Volunteer Hall of Fame for Health Professionals in 2002 and for Research in 2010. Dr. Fleming has made exceptional presentations at Chapter programs and events including the On the Move Luncheon in 2012, MS Research NOW speaker series and MS Summit.

Dr. Fleming is currently exploring how microscopic worm eggs change the immune response in people with MS based on the hygiene hypothesis. His study has been featured in the New York Times and ABC News. Additionally, he treats more than 500 MS patients annually at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, MS Clinic.

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Dr. Fleming was honored along with fellow Wisconsinites Colleen Hayes, Ph.D., and author Jeffrey Gingold. Dr. Hayes was inducted into the Society's Volunteer Hall of Fame in the Scientific Researchers category and Gingold was inducted for Programs and Services.

### **About MS**

MS interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. It is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with MS two to three times more common in women than men. One in 500 Wisconsin residents lives with MS, giving the state one of the highest incidence rates in the country. While the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

MS stops people from moving. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society exists to make sure it doesn't.

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