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Clinical Updates on Immune-directed Therapies in MS: Expert Insights & Real World Evidence

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ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE ACTIVITY

1 hour

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is designed to meet the educational needs of Neurologists and MS nurse specialists, as well as other clinicians treating and managing patients with MS.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After completing this activity, the participant should be better able to:

- · Describe critical advances and emerging immune-directed therapies that will change the therapeutic approach to MS:
- Review the immunologic rationale, safety, and clinical efficacy of supporting an immune system reset;
- Identify clinical considerations when evaluating risks and benefits in deciding on DMT therapy;
- Summarize the concept of immunosenescence and the importance of vigilance in monitoring the risk of infections especially in older MS patients;

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