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Research project

Multiple Sclerosis and Sickness Absence

We, since many years, run an interdisciplinary research project on MS and sickness absence.

There are today around 18 000 individuals in Sweden diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). MS is the most common degenerative neurological disease among young adults and usually debuts between the age of 20 and 40; age periods when the activities in working life often are high. For many MS-patients the disease means a significant, but varied, disability involving also decreased work capacity. MS is a very heterogenic disease and affects individuals in varying degree and with vastly different patterns and progression. At current date the knowledge on MS patient's sickness absence and which factors that affect their sickness absences is very limited.

The overall *aim* of the project is to, among people with MS, a) map the patterns of sickness absence and disability pension, b) identify risk factors for sickness absence and disability pension, and c) increase the knowledge of the life and work situation, to get a knowledgebase for interventions. Several different studies are ongoing in the project.

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