

relapses in one year with evidence of lesions increasing on two consecutive MRI scans.

Tysabri is a once a month intravenous infusion into a vein over a one hour period in a registered infusion facility.

Please see our 'Tysabri' leaflet for more information.

Sativex

This is a cannabis based medicine for central neuropathic pain. It is an oral-mucosal spray into the mouth, under the tongue or inside of the cheeks. It can only be prescribed on a "Named Patient" basis by GPs or Neurologists, whereby a Doctor is allowed to prescribe an unlicensed drug to a particular named patient. This then becomes the direct responsibility of the prescribing Doctor.

Doctors wishing to prescribe *Sativex* for their patients should contact GW Pharmaceuticals licensing partner Bayer Healthcare on Tel. No. 01635 563116.

Aimspro

This is an unlicensed, experimental treatment that is derived from goat's blood. It comes in a clear frozen liquid that, prior to administration, is thawed then immediately injected subcutaneously. It is only available on a "Named Patient Basis".

Other Drugs used in MS

Methotrexate – An immunosuppressant drug usually used for treating arthritis and psoriasis. It is sometimes used in a low dose as a treatment for progressive MS. It is taken orally.

Mitoxantrone (Novantrone) – Licensed in the U.K. as a form of chemotherapy used in cancer treatment and sometimes used to treat some forms of MS. Usually given to people who have not responded to Copaxone or any of the Interferons. It is given at the Neurologists discretion by intravenous infusion.

Steroids are sometimes used when a person experiences a relapse to help speed recovery. Steroids can reduce inflammation in the CNS. They are usually administered intravenously, but sometimes orally.

Drugs in development and trial

- Alemtuzumab (Campath 1H)
- BG0012
- Fingolimod
- Laquinimod
- MBP 8298
- Neurovax
- Rituximab
- Tovaxin
- Cladribine
- Fampridine - SR

Drugs used to manage symptoms

Spasticity

- Baclofen
- Dantrolene
- Diazepam
- Botox
- Tizanidine

Bladder Dysfunction

- Oxybutynin
- Desmopressin
- Tolterodine
- Detrusitol
- Botox

Fatigue

- Amantadine
- Modafinil

Tremor

- Propranolol
- Primidone
- Clonazepam
- Clonidine

Pain

- Gabapentin
- Pregabalin
- Carbamazepine
- Amitriptyline

Erectile Dysfunction

- Cialis
- Viagra
- Levitra