CLINICAL CORRELATION: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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Reading Assignment: Refer to posted handout in LUMEN

KEY CONCEPTS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Recognize that multiple sclerosis (MS) is an autoimmune, demyelinating disorder of the central nervous system.

2. List the risk factors for MS regarding age of onset, gender, family history, and geography.

3. Explain the more frequent signs and symptoms of MS.

4. Explain how the clinical diagnosis of MS is made, and how various ancillary tests support the diagnosis.

5. List the available treatments for acute MS attacks, and be aware of the existence of long-term disease modifying therapies (DMTs), and be specifically aware of the potential for severe infections (such as progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy) associated with some of the DMTs.