

MS Liberation Petition Instructions

Thank you for helping to raise awareness about CCSVI in MS, and to help force Parliament to resolve the unfortunate controversy which is preventing competent, adults with MS from choosing safe, effective treatment for their diseases. The following instructions explain what is needed for the petition, and how the petition should be presented to Parliament. Just follow these steps.

1. Print this document.
2. Print as many copies of the attached petition as you think you can get signed up (there is room for 60 signatures and addresses on the 3 pages).
3. Get a pen!
4. Smile – you're helping people with MS advance an important cause in our national Parliament.
5. Get people to sign the Petition – printing names is not good enough – we need their signatures. We also need addresses. The address information can be as simple as city and province, or province and postal code, or a full postal address.
6. Once you have at least 25 signatures from resident Canadians (but get as many as you can), you need to request a member of Parliament present the petition. A form letter is provided on page 2 of this document for your convenience, but feel free to use your own cover letter if you prefer. The cover letter requires
 - (a) the date - top left corner where you see _____, 2010;
 - (b) your return address – the 3 lines in the top right corner;
 - (c) the name of your MP (Hon. Jack Harris for me) at the top of the address line.
7. If you don't know who your local member of Parliament is, go to www.parl.gc.ca and surf [English] → [Senators and Member] → [House of Commons Current]. Your MP will be listed under [Members of Parliament], or you can search using your own Postal Code!
8. Take a photocopy of the letter and the petitions for your records.
9. Mail the cover letter, which acts as your request that your MP present the Petition to Parliament, along with the original, signed petitions to your MP at the House of Commons.

This is grass roots democracy at its best – thank you again for helping make a difference.

MS Liberation

_____, 2010

Hon. _____
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Member:

Re: Petition to the Minister of Health to be Presented at the next sitting of Parliament

I am a resident of your riding who is interested in making a difference in the lives of people with multiple sclerosis (MS). An unfortunate controversy has arisen in connection with a medical breakthrough in the treatment of MS in Italy. As you are probably aware from the take note debate in the House of Commons in June, new research has reinvigorated the original theory that MS is strongly correlated with vascular disorders of the neck and spine – not solely an autoimmune disease.

Dr. Paolo Zamboni of Ferrara, Italy, has pioneered research into a new disorder which he calls chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI). Like other forms of venous insufficiency in other parts of the body, CCSVI is characterized by narrowed and twisted veins which, over time are hypothesized to cause a number of debilitating symptoms. CCSVI can be tested and treated in a single outpatient procedure, in common use for over 20 years – angioplasty. The majority (perhaps the vast majority) of people with MS with access to testing and treatment have been found to also have CCSVI. However, this treatment is being denied Canadians with MS, in what the petitioners in the attached petition feels is a discriminatory practise by the medical college.

For these reasons, and the reasons set out in the attached petition, I respectfully request that you present this petition on behalf of the other petitioners who have signed, during Routine Proceedings at the next sitting of the House of Commons on September 20, 2010 or by filing it with the Clerk of the House during the next available sitting. The Clerk of the House of Commons has reviewed our form of petition to ensure that it complies in form, but you will also need to have it certified by the Clerk of Petitions prior to presenting it.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,