

Timeline

August 1993 – MSRC formed – CEO John Simkins, who had co-founded Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis (ARMS) in the 1970's.

November 1995 – The first disease modifying drug was approved in Europe – Betaferon.

1996 – Judy Graham has Multiple Sclerosis, Pregnancy & Parenthood published.

March 1997 – The second disease modifying drug was approved in Europe – Avonex .

May 1998 – Rebif gains European approval as another disease modifying drug therapy.

1998 – Lawrence Wood takes over as CEO.

1999 – MSRC moves from its office in Stansted to Colchester.

2000 – The newsletter 'Pathways' is re-launched as a magazine and becomes 'New Pathways' with Judy Graham as Editor.

2000 – MSRC launches website.

2001 – Copaxone gains European approval as a daily injectable disease modifying drug.

2003 - Bernadette Porter is appointed the first multiple sclerosis nurse consultant in the NHS.

2005 – John 'Squiffy' Habkirk takes part in the London Marathon for MSRC dressed as a clown, raising £18,332.

June 2006 – Tysabri is given European license as a treatment for MS.

May/June 2007 – Helen Yates takes over as CEO.

2007 – MSRC sees the arrival of MaximuS their big friendly bear mascot!

April 2008 – MSRC's most successful year for our London Marathon team raising over £331,000!

May 2008 – Another disease modifying drug, Extavia, gains European approval.

July 2008 – MSRC launches Welfare Rights and Benefits service with specialist advisor Emma Rowe.



2009 – Choices leaflets, giving people detailed information about the condition and possible treatments, launched.

March 2009 – MSRC launches Life is for Living - a short film looking into the lives of people with MS.

2010 - Jim Sweeney releases The Sweeney, a documentary about his life in comedy and with MS.

2010 – Judy Graham publishes her revised book Managing Multiple Sclerosis Naturally – A Self-Help Guide to Living with MS.

2010 - Seeta Indrani wins Celebrity Mastermind for MSRC.

March 2011 – Gilenya, the first oral drug therapy for MS, gains European authorisation.

May 2011 – MSRC moves offices thanks to a legacy left by Penny Unsworth. MSRC name their building Unsworth House in Penny's memory.

July 2012 – Josephs Court – MS Centre of Excellence opens in Colchester thanks to a generous donation from John Josephs.

January 2013 – MSRC changes its name and becomes MS-UK.

2013 - MS-UK hosts inaugural Summer Ball and enters a team into the first ever Prudential Ride London Surrey100 cycling event.

January 2014 – Teriflunomide, the second oral drug therapy for MS gains NICE approval.

February 2014 – Amy Woolf takes over as CEO.

March 2014 - Kahn Johnson takes over as Editor of New Pathways.

August 2014 – MS-UK celebrates its 21st anniversary!