

# Introduction and Context



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# OMS Engagement Survey 2021

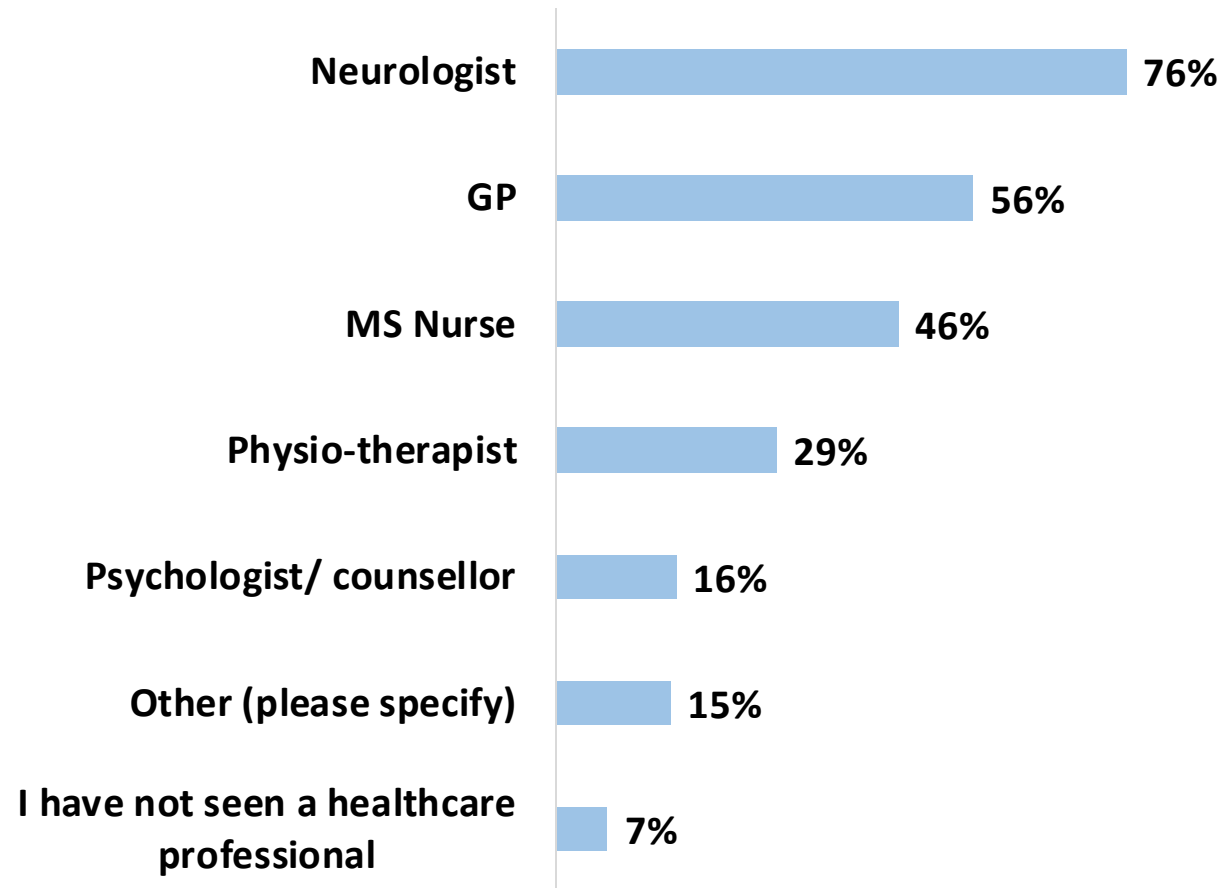
Helped build a better understanding of our community

- Sent to 20,000+ OMSers
- Asked 61 questions
- Received 1,367 responses

The Survey focused on many areas, including contact with healthcare professionals

# Healthcare professionals you contacted

Contact in the last 12 months



# Discussing healthy lifestyle and satisfaction with contact.....

- 54% hadn't discussed healthy lifestyle choices with a healthcare professional compared to...
  - 38% who had
- 63% were satisfied with their contact with a healthcare professional compared to...
  - 34% who were not
- Only 8% had heard of OMS through their healthcare professional

# Confidence in talking to a healthcare professional about your MS and OMS

- 62% had the confidence to talk to a healthcare professional about their MS and OMS
- 34% reported low confidence in talking to a healthcare professional about their MS and OMS



# It is important for Overcoming MS to work with healthcare professionals

## ➤ It's part of our work under the strategic goal - Empower

Alongside advocacy, we wish to influence policymakers, healthcare professionals and campaign to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of MS self-management.

## ➤ It's one of our values – Collaborative

The impact of OMS grows through collaboration with other charities, healthcare professionals and researchers, and the MS community itself.

# What will Overcoming MS do?

- **Better insights** - as part of OMS Advocacy Program, Healthcare Professionals will be receiving a knowledge and attitudes questionnaire
- **Improved resources** - we will produce new and update existing OMS information resources for both – our community and professionals
- **More awareness** - we will be presenting to healthcare professionals about the benefits of the OMS program and sharing our resources with them

# Conversation with Dr Aaron Boster

