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The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (MSF) is a non-profit organization that serves as a resource center for those individuals affected by MS, regional support groups and healthcare professionals.

The mission of the MSF is “to ensure the best quality of life for those coping with MS by providing comprehensive support and educational programs.” The Foundation’s Web site provides an article regarding the safety of aspartame, and the inaccuracy about the rumors associating aspartame with MS. The article notes,

“The CDC also noted that there was no evidence supporting the claim that aspartame could cause certain diseases (i.e. multiple sclerosis, lupus, etc.).”

For more information regarding the MSF and their assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit http://www.msfocus.org/publications/pub_articles_aspart.html.

For your convenience and reference this information has also been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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