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Founded in 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports more MS research, offers more services for people with MS, provides more professional education programs, and furthers more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world.

The mission of the National MS Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. In response to an Internet rumor claiming that aspartame consumption causes a toxicity that mimics the symptoms of multiple sclerosis, the site specifically states:

“Several websites and documents circulating on the Internet are making unsubstantiated claims about aspartame” and “stories linking aspartame and multiple sclerosis are unfounded.”

For more information regarding the National MS Society and their assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/headlines-aspartame.asp>

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

Respectfully submitted,

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