

# Our Story

Founded by Dr. Randall T. Schapiro in 1977, the first private-practice comprehensive MS center began within the Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology, Lutheran Deaconess Hospital.

After decades of work tending to chronic neurological conditions, the clinic was moved into the Fairview Riverside Hospital, now known as M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center, in the late 1990s. Here, Dr. Schapiro served as medical director of an acute rehabilitation center with a focus on multiple sclerosis.

In 2004 the clinic moved back to the Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology and became The Schapiro Center for Multiple Sclerosis. Two years later, Dr. Jonathan Calkwood joined the team, incorporating his expansive background in neuro-ophthalmology and patient care. Over the following decade, significant strides were made in developing clinical research trials, as an infusion center was eventually incorporated.

After over 35 years of caring for patients, Dr. Schapiro retired in 2009 to devote his time to consulting and teaching, and Dr. Calkwood became the clinic medical director.

In 2023 the practice moved once more to Plymouth and was renamed the Minnesota Center for Multiple Sclerosis, which now proudly serves over 5,000 patients in the greater Twin Cities area. Partnered with Dr. Jason Raasch and his team at Midwest Immunology, as well as Vivo Infusion®, MCMS is more equipped than ever before to provide nationally recognized care.

## Minnesota Center for Multiple Sclerosis

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2006

Dr. Jonathan Calkwood joins as provider

2008

Dr. Schapiro retires, Dr. Calkwood becomes medical director

2012

Significant commitment and development of research program, infusion center opened

2023

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Becomes partnered with Midwest Immunology

2024

Becomes partnered with Vivo Infusion®

2025

Soon to move to a new expanded location!