

## Synopsis:

# A day with MS

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MS, or Multiple Sclerosis. A disease of the nervous system whose causes are still not totally clear. This illness affects women, mainly, appears at an age of between 20 and 40 years old, and takes as many forms as there are cases.

For Annick, every day, from waking to sleeping, is a day with MS. Nearly 55, living in a small town in northern France, she has lived with sclerosis since 1982. She was officially diagnosed with the disease in 1992 after a succession of tell-tale signs.

She felt the first tingling in her legs after the birth of her first child, in 1982, but the symptoms disappeared soon after. However they reappeared with the birth of her second child in 1990 and were quickly accompanied by others. Problems with walking, chronic fatigue, uncontrolled leg movements, and finally a fall while doing housework. That was in 1992. She was unable to get up and after examination was diagnosed with MS.

Following that came the gradual loss of control of her upper and lower limbs. The only thing that Annick did not lose was her courage. Before becoming totally dependent, she wants to do as many activities as possible - fairground roller-coasters, skiing, travelling,... - knowing that her limited mobility is not going to last forever.

In 2006 she lost control of her right hand and so became totally dependent. She chose to live at home, having carried out some adaptations to her house. Home help, social workers, nurses, physiotherapists, friends and family. Despite her suffering she continues to live and to run her life as before, thanks to a strong character and unwavering determination.

It is her way to fight the disease. Her way to live like everybody else.