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ABSTRACT OVERVIEW: One reader asks questions about the relationship between multiple sclerosis and RLS.

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Ask the Doctor

Q. *A patient has both multiple sclerosis and RLS. He originally attributed his RLS symptoms to spasticity, and has been taking Baclofen (lioresal, a muscle relaxant and an antispastic agent) for the last 2-3 years. Although he has some difficulty with walking due to spasticity, his real quality-of-life issues revolve around his RLS symptoms. Is there any relationship between these two diseases?*



A. There is no clearly identified relationship between multiple sclerosis and RLS, but such an association is certainly possible. Because there is no way to prove a relationship, the recommendation would be to treat the RLS with the same medications used to treat RLS of unknown cause (idiopathic RLS).

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