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Considerable research has been carried out in the United Kingdom in the past 25 years, sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Medical Research Council. Two years ago both bodies joined to run, in London, a highly successful meeting of leading experts in the disease, the proceedings of which have been recently published. Research on MS is also being conducted in North America, Europe, and many other parts of the world. In the United States of America, a National Advisory Commission on Multiple Sclerosis was set up.

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