

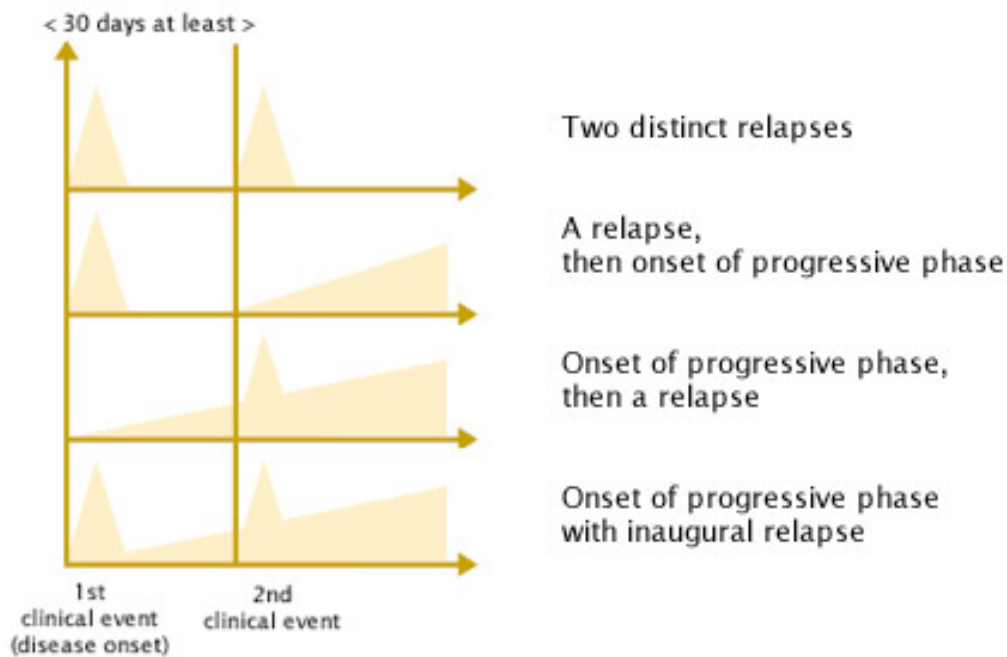
MS diagnostic criteria according to Poser et al.

Poser CM, Paty DW, Scheinberg L, et al. New diagnostic criteria for multiple sclerosis: guidelines for research protocols. *Ann. Neurol.* 1983; **13**: 227-231

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Criteria</i>		
	<i>Space</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>CSF</i>
Clinically definite	+	+	+
Biologically definite	+	-	+
Clinically probable	+	-	-
Biologically probable	-	-	+
Suspected	-	-	-

Criteria for dissemination in Time

Generated directly from the second clinical event, if any.



Criteria for dissemination in Space

Two out of three of: involvement of neuraxis, involvement of optic nerve, imaging criteria (Paty's); *i.e.*, any row of the table below fulfills the criteria for dissemination in space.

<i>Neuraxis</i>	<i>Optic Nerve</i>	<i>Imaging</i>
+	+	+
+	+	-
+	-	+
-	+	+

- ***Involvement of neuraxis:***
demonstrated clinically or electrophysiologically (SEP, BAEP, MEP positive results)
- ***Involvement of optic nerve:***
demonstrated clinically or electrophysiologically (VEP positive results)
- ***Imaging criteria (Paty's MRI criteria):***
at least 4 lesions > 3 mm
or
at least 3 lesions > 3 mm, one of them touching the lateral ventricles

CSF Criteria

Presence of oligoclonal banding and/or IgG index > 0.70.