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and Family Caregivers**

Ann Stewart is executive director/client services with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Lethbridge & District Chapter. Paul Zook's wife, Kim, has secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. For her, the controversial treatment for chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency seemed to offer some hope. Ann and Paul discuss the treatment from the perspectives of the Society and the family caregiver, and also from their own families' experience. They describe what happened when the news of the treatment first broke, and how they and others reacted to it. They explain the questions that then

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Ann Stewart

Ann Stewart is a social worker with a Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University. After practicing in social work with the state of Montana, she moved to Alberta. For the past twenty years, she's been executive director/client services serving the stakeholders of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Lethbridge & District Chapter. She's developed programming according to members' needs and requests. The programs include support groups for persons and young adults with multiple sclerosis, and in connection with chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency. The programs include support for caregivers, friendly visiting to persons with multiple sclerosis in long-term care, and

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Paul Zook

Paul Zook was born in and has lived in Lethbridge, Alberta, all his life. Since 1978, he's been a Power Electrician for the City of Lethbridge. In the same year he married Kim. They have daughters Nicole and Kaeley. In 1989 Kim was diagnosed with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. She's now confined to a wheelchair, has no use of her left arm and only limited use of her right arm. He's been her full-time caregiver throughout. Her care has been a challenge but, he stresses, her fantastic attitude since the day she was diagnosed has made it all so much easier. Our biggest obstacle, he says, has always been the costs associated with being disabled. He notes that, over the 20 years, so ve

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