

# OHIO NETWORK FOR THE CHEMICALLY INJURED

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## MCS/ADA INFORMATION

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a disorder which presents with physical limitations in the body's ability to process and combat exposures to both low and high levels of environmental chemicals. The disorder impairs one's abilities in a range of limitations which may include one or more of the following: concentration, breathing, walking and coordination.

Accommodations may include providing separate areas for those who have MCS where exposures to chemical products such as perfumes, cigarette smoke, gasoline, pesticides, petrochemicals and other triggers of the disorder can be mitigated. These chemicals may be found in new carpeting, paints, wallpapers, furniture, building materials and commonly used cleaning products.

Other accommodations may also include the use of alternative products which are more readily tolerated by individuals with MCS.

It would be a reasonable accommodation to notify patients with MCS when out of the ordinary cleaning and remodeling is planned during their scheduled appointments.

It would be a reasonable accommodation to have available one scent-free staff member assigned to care for the needs of patients with MCS or related disorders such as asthma and other respiratory disabilities.