

Christina Applegate misdiagnosis highlights MS complexities (Broadcast)

INTRO:

EMMY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS CHRISTINA APPEGATE... KNOWN FOR HER ROLES IN MARRIED... WITH CHILDREN... ANCHORMAN... AND NETFLIX'S DEAD TO ME... RECENTLY REVEALED A SURPRISING DEVELOPMENT IN HER HEALTH JOURNEY.

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AFTER PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING HER MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DIAGNOSIS IN 2021... SHE BECAME A PROMINENT ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH THE AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE. NOW SHE'S REVEALED ON HER PODCAST THAT HER DOCTOR RECENTLY TOLD HER... SHE DOES **NOT** HAVE M-S.

THE 54-YEAR-OLD ACTRESS CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE DEBILITATING SYMPTOMS... LEAVING HER MEDICAL TEAM SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS. HER EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS THE CHALLENGES OF DIAGNOSING M-S... A DISEASE THAT CAN RESEMBLE OTHER NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS.

DR. DOUGLAS JUVINALL IS WITH OSF HEALTHCARE ILLINOIS NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE. HE'S A FELLOWSHIP-TRAINED NEUROLOGIST WHO SPECIALIZES IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. HE BREAKS DOWN WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO SEE A SPECIALIST WHO FOCUSES ON M-S.

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"I believe it's very important (to see an MS specialist) because neurologists who have training or expertise in dealing with multiple sclerosis, will have had more cases of seeing the disease," Dr. Juvinall says. "As well as more expertise in finding those diseases that can mimic MS."

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SYMPTOMS OF M-S CAN INCLUDE VISION LOSS... DOUBLE VISION... NUMBNESS... WEAKNESS... SEVERE FATIGUE AND BLADDER DYSFUNCTION. THE OSF HEALTHCARE ILLINOIS NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE HAS A TEAM OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SPECIALISTS... WHO CAN WORK WITH THEIR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM TO HELP FIND ANSWERS... AND PROVIDE A TREATMENT PLAN.