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Multiple Sclerosis patients join EMD Serono staff in the 2015 MS Bike Tour, to raise funds for MS Research

Mississauga, ON, September 18, 2015 – EMD Serono, Canada, the biopharmaceutical division of Merck KGaA Darmstadt, Germany is participating in the 2015 MS Bike Tour on September 20th, at Centennial Park, Etobicoke.

For the last seven years, EMD Serono staff and patients have come together to participate in the MS Bike Tour to help raise funds for MS research. Each year, EMD Serono provides stationary bikes for patients who want to participate but are unable to complete the distance. After the event, the stationary bikes are raffled off by the MS Society.

"The MS Bike Tour is a critical part of the Canadian MS Society's fundraising effort and EMD Serono is proud of our longstanding involvement in this great event. We play a vital role in enhancing the lives of our MS patients here at EMD Serono, and this is one more opportunity for us to give back in a more personal way," says Rehan Verjee, Managing Director, EMD Serono, Canada.

The MS Bike Tour begins at 9:30 a.m. and the route lengths are 30km or 55km.

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