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Epidemiology of Multiple Sclerosis in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region of New Zealand

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ABSTRACT A survey carried out in the Manawatu-Wanganui area of New Zealand was designed to locate all individuals known to have Multiple Sclerosis. Of the 84 persons noted, 80 were found and interviewed to ascertain demographic, financial, psychological, social and vocational data. This article reports on findings related to epidemiology. Among other results, the findings confirm previous studies demonstrating an increased gradient from North to South. Also, it was remarkable that no persons who identified themselves as Maori were found.