The MND Association’s policy statement on Unproven Treatments

There is currently no cure for motor neurone disease, which is why the MND Association is committed to funding and promoting scientific research into possible causes and treatments.

Only one drug called riluzole has been proved through clinical trials to be a successful treatment for people with MND in the UK. It extends life by up to three months.

Even so, there are many unproven treatments marketed throughout the world for people with MND. However, their effectiveness has not been proved through clinical trials, and the science behind them is sometimes not well understood. The Association does not endorse these treatments.

In addition, we believe that allowing treatments to be made available which have not been through the established clinical trials process encourages unscrupulous individuals to market ineffective treatments for monetary gain.

We would encourage anyone with MND who is considering embarking on an unproven treatment to discuss all the implications with their neurologist before making a decision.

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