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Dorothea Pitschnau-Michel's activity in the multiple sclerosis (MS) arena began in 1984 when she became Chief Executive of the Lower-Saxony Chapter of MS Society, Deutsche Multiple Sklerose Gesellschaft (DMSG). Her involvement with advocacy for people with MS continued with roles as Secretary General of DMSG in 1993 and becoming Managing Director of the MS Forschungs- und Projektentwicklungs-g GmbH (MS Research and Project Development Society) located in Hanover in 2001.

Dorothea has held a number of honorary posts including Deputy Presidency of the DMSG, Member of the Board of Directors of the Paritätischer Niedersachsen, and Member of the Supervisory Board of the Paritätischer, Germany.

For the past five years she has been a Board Member of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF). In 2002 she was elected into the post of Vice President of the European MS Platform (EMSP), becoming President of the group in 2006.

Dorothea is also a widely published author and has contributed to articles appearing in publications such as the *Journal of Neurology* and *Principles to Promote the Quality of Life of People with Multiple Sclerosis* published by organisational publications the MSIF in 2005.