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About the Cover:

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a relatively new condition that has been the subject of some controversy. It is characterized by symptoms that affect various organs with varying degrees of severity. Pesticides, cigarette smoke, paint fumes, and perfumes are among the chemicals thought to trigger MCS. People affected by MCS may feel like they have to live in a bubble to avoid these common chemicals that can affect them so negatively—even in low doses. This month's feature article, "The Challenge of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity," examines the current literature on MCS and the difficulties with the condition, from prospects for clear-cut diagnosis to skepticism from various arenas, including the scientific community, government, and the general public.

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