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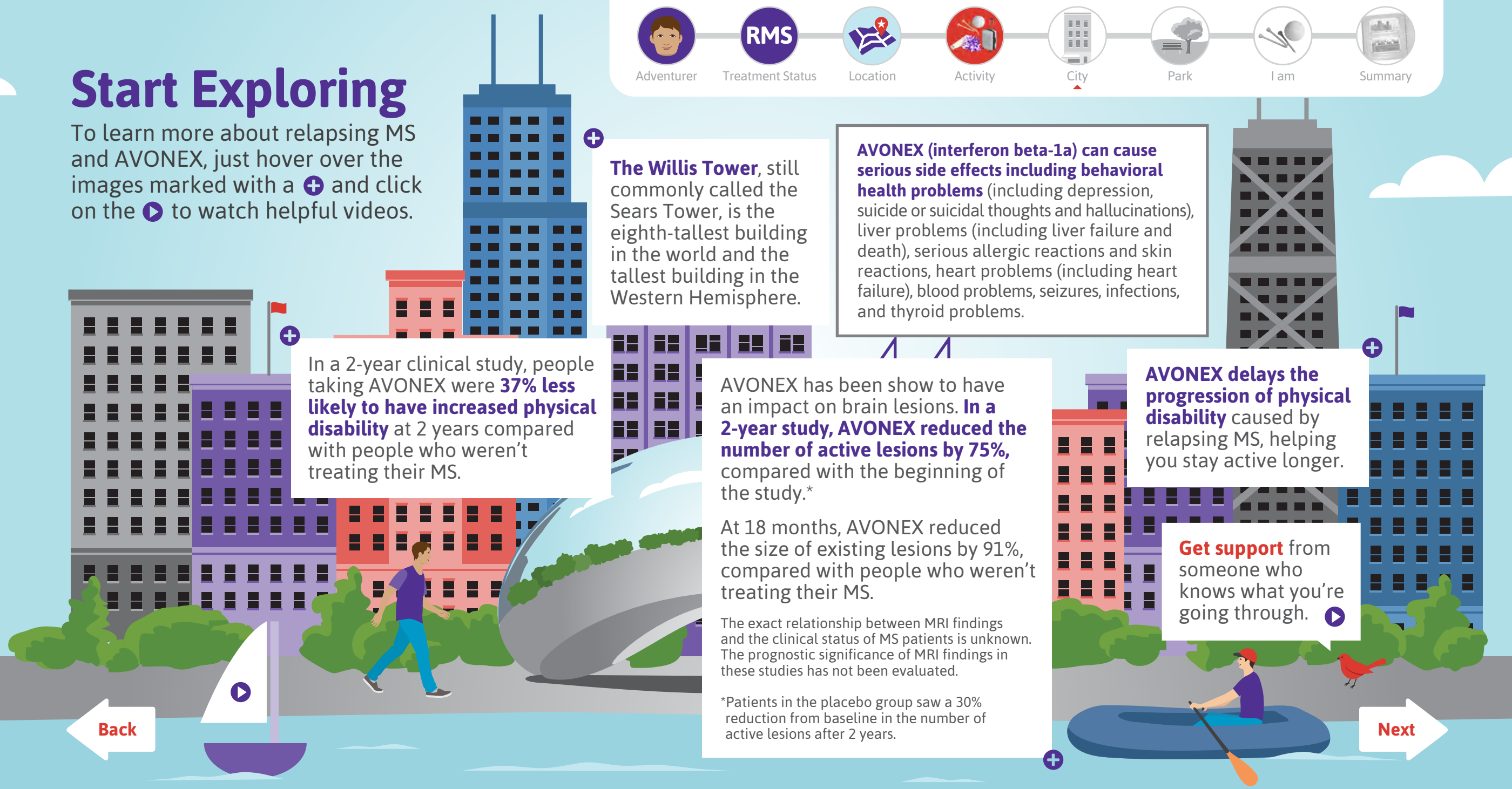
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In a 2-year clinical study, people taking AVONEX were **37% less likely to have increased physical disability** at 2 years compared with people who weren't treating their MS.

AVONEX has been show to have an impact on brain lesions. **In a 2-year study, AVONEX reduced the number of active lesions by 75%**, compared with the beginning of the study.*

At 18 months, AVONEX reduced the size of existing lesions by 91%, compared with people who weren't treating their MS.

The exact relationship between MRI findings and the clinical status of MS patients is unknown. The prognostic significance of MRI findings in these studies has not been evaluated.

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AVONEX delays the progression of physical disability caused by relapsing MS, helping you stay active longer.

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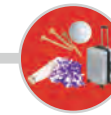
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Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis

No one knows the exact cause of MS, but it is thought to be an autoimmune disease. This means that the immune system, which normally protects the body, starts to work against itself and attack healthy tissue.

Relapsing MS accounts for around 85% of initial MS diagnoses. Flare-ups, or relapses, are visible signs of inflammation in the CNS. They are followed by periods of remission, which could result in complete or near-complete recovery.

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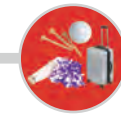
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MS ActiveSource® Support Services

Whether you're still considering your treatment options, just starting AVONEX, or even looking for information while you're on treatment, we have free, personalized services that can help.

To take advantage of MS ActiveSource services, **call an ActiveSource™ coordinator at 1-800-456-2255**, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM (ET).

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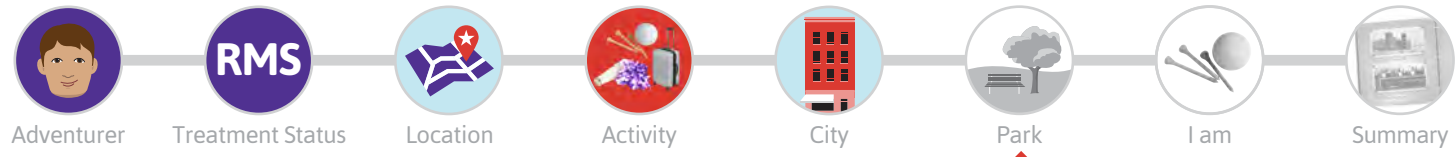
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With once-a-week AVONEX, you can plan your relapsing MS treatment to fit your schedule, and not the other way around.

The most common side effects of AVONEX (interferon beta-1a) are flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, muscle aches, and tiredness) early during the course of therapy. Usually, these symptoms last a day after the injection.



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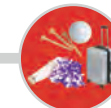
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Silent Progression

Even if you're not having symptoms, relapsing MS can progress silently so it's important that you do what you can. Many experts agree that you should start injections as soon as possible. While there is no cure for relapsing MS, there are treatments that can help slow the progression of MS-related physical disability.



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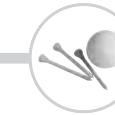
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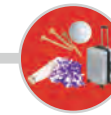
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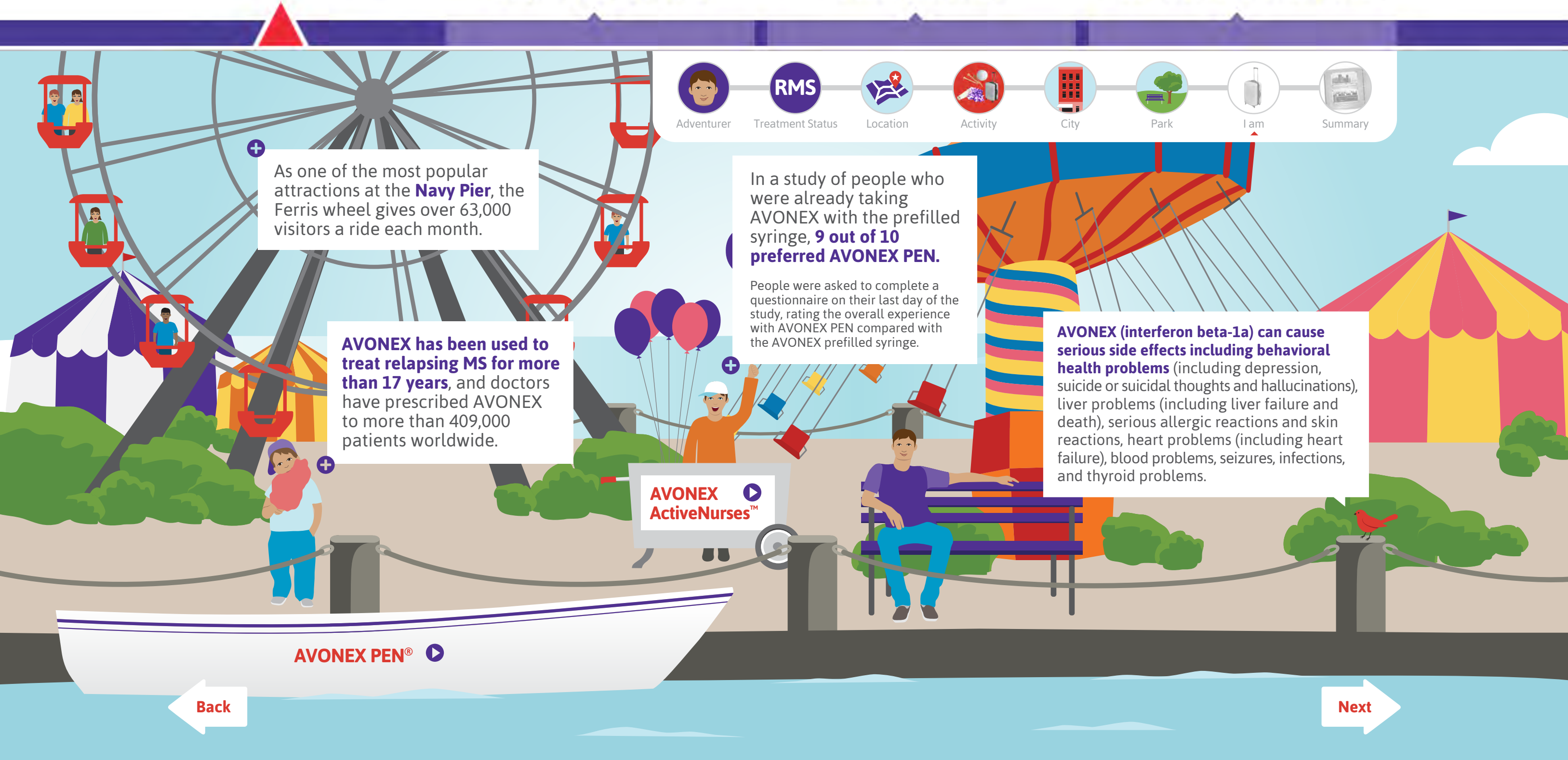
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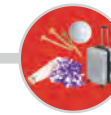
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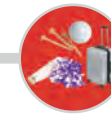
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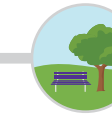
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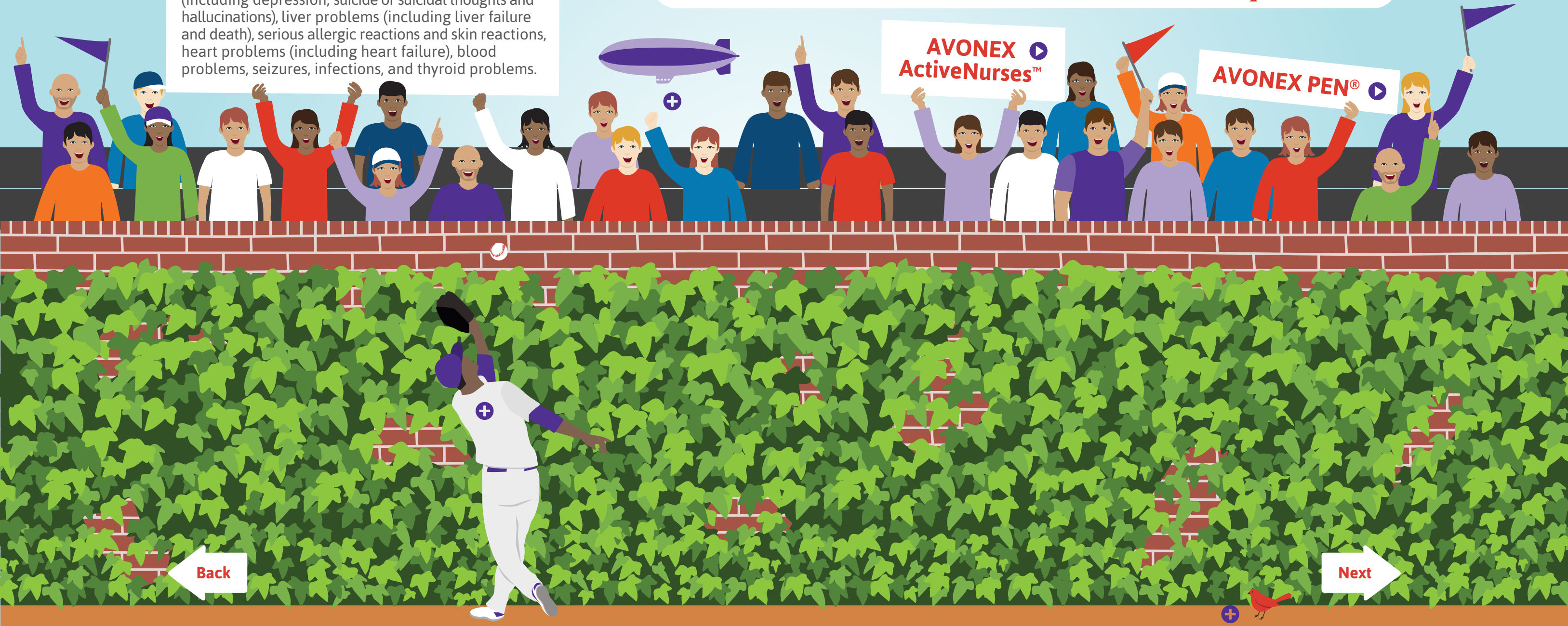
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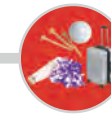
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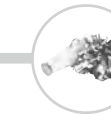
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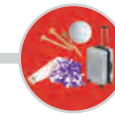
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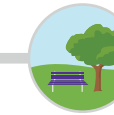
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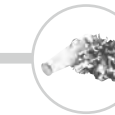
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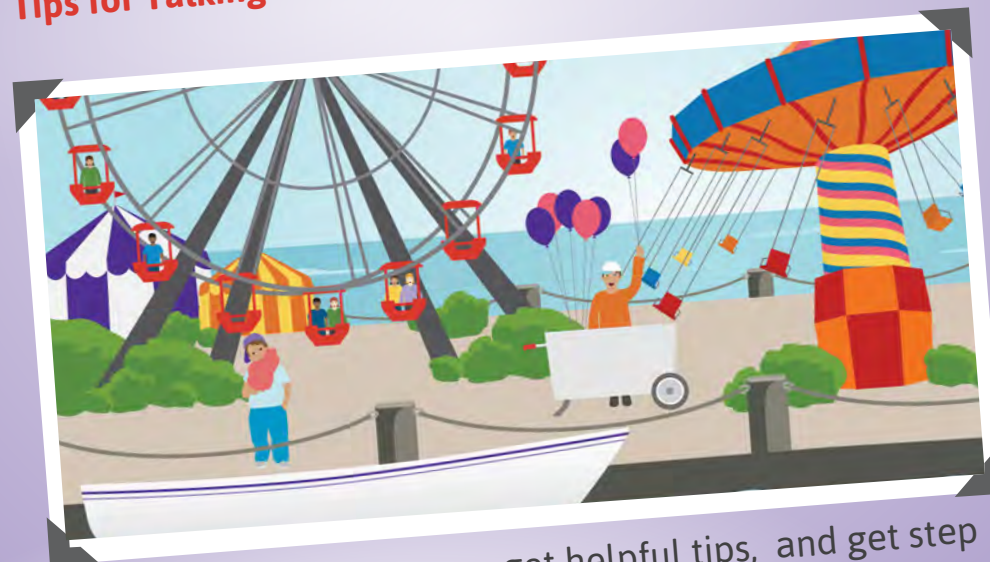
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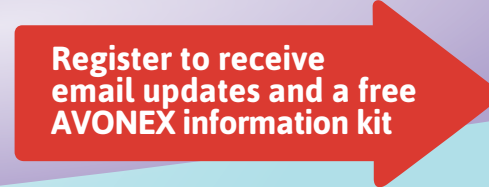
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