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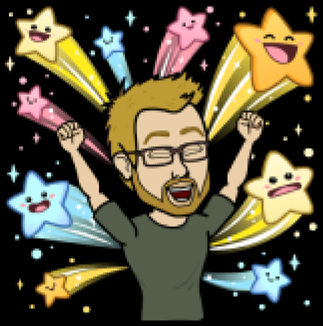

Get In. We're Ending ALS

What We're Up To

This year, MDA's annual Clinical & Scientific Conference will be open to advocates to attend virtually – for people living with ALS, their caregivers, their loved ones and more. Sign up to attend this year's conference here.

Recommend a Caregiver

If you have previously or are currently receiving in-home healthcare for ALS, we want to hear about who has been helpful to you so that we can help others connect with caregivers.

LET US KNOW

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Clinical Trials Team

A new PaCTD rating is live, thanks to this team! The PaCTD rating system evaluates trials based on three key categories: optimizing access to investigational therapies, advancing scientific progress and if the trial is patient friendly. Read the brand new rating for AB Science's Mastinib here.

Community Outreach Team

This team wants you to know about an amazing resource for kids whose parents are living with ALS: Hope Loves Company. Learn more about this incredible organization and what they do **here**.

Familial ALS Team
This team is hosting the February installment of Ask Me Anything ALS! Team members will be on call to answer your questions about all things ALS (or refer you to someone who can). Sign up to join them virtually on February 25 at 12 p.m. EST **here**.

Legislative Affairs Team
This team needs your help to build a huge network of advocates across every U.S. Congressional district. Sign up on behalf of your district **here** and share it far and wide!

Many Shades of ALS Team
This team has lined up another great Let's Talk About It mental health event. The session, taking place virtually at 12 p.m. EST on February 23, will focus on accessibility and discrimination. To learn more about what will be discussed or to sign up, click **here**.

Veterans Team
This team is also hosting an upcoming Ask Me Anything ALS! This one will be about all things tracheostomy. Join members of this team and other community members on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. EST by signing up **here**.

Community Spotlight: Adam Wilson

Adam is a central figure in the ALS community. He was instrumental in getting MLB to recognize Lou Gehrig Day beginning in 2021 and that's just one of his many incredible accomplishments. But did you know he's also a songwriter? As if it were possible for a person to be cooler! Check out his new song **here**.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About ALS and the Veterans Administration

Dr. Kvarnberg, Clinic Director of the ALS Interdisciplinary Clinic at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital will discuss the link between military service and the approach that the VA takes in caring for veterans. Dr. Kvarnberg will provide information to veterans with ALS and their caregivers wanting to know more about VA benefits and care for veterans living with ALS. This event is part of the Les Turner ALS Foundation’s ALS Learning Series.
Register

UC Irvine Neurodegeneration Community Workshop

UC Irvine is hosting a virtual 2-day event aimed at facilitating an exchange of knowledge and experiences between people living with neurodegenerative diseases, clinicians and researchers within the Southern California neurodegeneration community, focusing on Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and ALS. This event is open to the public and will take place on February 18 and 19.
Register

Uncovering the Genetics of FTD/ALS

The Penn Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) Center has opened registration for its second annual familial conference, Uncovering the Genetics of FTD/ALS on February 23. This virtual, live event will address the unique challenges and situations that arise from familial or genetic disease.
Register

I AM ALS is a patient-led community that provides critical support and resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones. It empowers advocates to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS in driving the development of cures. Learn more at **iamals.org.**

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