

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is the #1 voluntary health organization in the United States for people living with neuromuscular diseases, including ALS. The mission of MDA, since its inception 73 years ago, MDA's mission has been to empower the people we serve to live longer, more independent lives. At MDA, families are at the heart of our mission, and the strength of the MDA ALS community is resolute.

MDA has been a beacon of hope for people living with ALS through our cutting-edge research for treatments and cures, through our multidisciplinary care network and by advocating for regulatory policy and legislation that empowers patients, their families and caregivers.

In ALS, nerve cells called motor neurons die, leading to weakness and eventual paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and swallowing. The life expectancy after a diagnosis typically three to five years, although some people live for decades with the disease. There is currently no cure.

MDA remains at the forefront of neuromuscular disease research with new technology platforms such as MOVR, a first-of-its-kind data hub, powered by MDA's Care Center network. MOVR collects clinical and genetic data for seven neuromuscular diseases, including ALS. MOVR serves as an innovative and essential tool for optimizing health outcomes and accelerating therapy breakthroughs in ALS. With robust clinical data collection from medical records of 1,900+ individuals with ALS participating in the MOVR program, MDA is gaining meaningful insights that will lead to advances in care and treatments.

End ALS with MDA[®]

28

total number of ALS grants active at any time in 2022

\$174M

invested by MDA in ALS research since 1950

\$38.9M

invested in ALS research since 2013

48

designated MDA/ALS Care Centers, offering multidisciplinary care

MDA supports and advocates

for the entire ALS community across the US

Free educational seminars

offered by MDA for individuals living with ALS and their families, friends, and caregivers

3,200+

clinicians and other healthcare professionals providing specialized care at the 150+ locations in the MDA Care Center Network