

ALS Symposium Virtual Event



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When

Saturday, September 19, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Venue

Online virtual event

Who should attend?

- ALS patients, families, and caregivers
- Dietitians
- Home health agencies
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Social workers
- Therapists
- Other health care providers

Registration

Complimentary registration for all health care professionals, patients and families in the ALS community.

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Questions?

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Join us for an informative symposium that will offer insights on providing multidisciplinary clinical care for the ALS patient including occupational, physical, respiratory and speech therapy. The conference will also feature presentations by experts in genetic testing, nutrition, supporting caregivers and providing palliative and hospice care to ALS patients. Health care professionals, patients and caregivers can also learn about the latest medical equipment and other resources available to support people living with ALS.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify the role of each member of the multidisciplinary team in the management of ALS, including therapists, social workers, dietitians, nurses and physicians.
- Describe how research can guide advances in ALS care.
- Explain why genetic testing is indicated for certain patients.
- Discuss and address the impact on caregivers supporting patients with ALS.
- Describe the role of palliative care and hospice as part of the care team.
- List regional resources available for support with ALS management.

Register online at vcu.cloud-cme.com/ALS2020

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Minimum and maximum numbers for attendance at this event have been established, and we reserve the right to substitute speakers/topics, adjust credit hours, or cancel if necessary.

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A.M.

9:30 **Welcome and announcements**

Kelly G. Gwathmey, MD

9:35 **ALS overview and the role of the multidisciplinary clinic**

Kelly G. Gwathmey, MD

10:00 **The role of occupational therapy and physical therapy in the ALS multidisciplinary clinic**

Mandy Butler, DPT and Kate Roberts, OTD, OTR/L

10:30 **Nursing and social work in the outpatient clinic setting**

Michelle Gebhardt, RN and J'Lee Maldonado, MSW

10:55 **Break**

11:05 **ALS and the importance of genetics**

Chelsea Chambers, MS, LCGC

11:30 **Nutrition, swallowing and communication**

Kiera Berggren, MA/CCC-SLP, MS and Rebecca Rhodes, RD

P.M.

12:00 **Lunch break**

12:30 **Respiratory therapy**

Paula Brockenbrough, CRT

12:50 **Palliative and supportive care in ALS**

Danielle Noreika, MD

1:20 **Break**

1:30 **ALS Association (ALSA) resources**

1:40 **Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) resources**

1:50 **Research updates in motor neuron diseases**

Kelly G. Gwathmey, MD

2:10 **Closing remarks**

Kelly G. Gwathmey, MD

2:15 **Adjourn**

Accreditation and education credit



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