

# Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has led the way for innovations in ALS science and care for nearly 70 years. We have dedicated hundreds of millions of dollars to ALS research, and care for tens of thousands of people diagnosed with ALS and their families. Our commitment includes support for our network of multidisciplinary MDA Care Centers at top medical institutions nationwide. With new initiatives such as our MOVR data hub, we are uniquely positioned to advance more clinical trials and develop new standards of ALS treatment.

ALS takes away the freedom to walk, to talk, to eat, to breathe. In ALS, nerve cells called motor neurons inexplicably die, leading to weakness and eventual paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and swallowing. There is no cure, and life span after diagnosis is typically three to five years, although some people live for decades with the disease. Due to your support, we are living in a time of unprecedented progress in neuromuscular research, and we are able to increase our investment in finding tomorrow's cures.

