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. For over 70 years, MDA has led the way for innovations in ALS, pioneering groundbreaking research, state-of-the-art care, and pathbreaking advocacy for increased support and rapid treatment access for people and families.

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. Life span after diagnosis is typically three to five years, although some people live for decades with the disease. There is currently no cure.

MDA-funded research led to the development of Riluzole, the first FDA-approved treatment for ALS. Our commitment to people living with ALS also includes support for a network of 150+ multidisciplinary MDA Care Centers at top medical institutions nationwide, of which 48 are designated MDA/ALS Care Centers.

Our MOVR Data Hub serves as a valuable tool for optimizing health outcomes and accelerating therapy development in ALS. With 2,000+ individuals with ALS participating in MOVR, we are gaining meaningful insights that will lead to advances in care and treatments.

The ACT for ALS, signed into law in December 2021, is the largest government support for ALS research and patient care in history. In the signing ceremony, President Biden singled MDA out as a major player in helping get this bill through Congress.

MDA supports and advocates for the entire ALS community across the US

- 34 active ALS grants in 2021, with a funding commitment of more than $2 million
- In the last 5 years, MDA has invested over $16M in ALS research grants

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- MDA has contributed over $173M to ALS research
- 2,400+ clinical providers at MDA’s National Care Center Network with 150+ centers across the U.S.
- MDA offers free educational seminars for individuals living with ALS and their families and caregivers across the US
- 48 designated MDA/ALS Care Centers, offering best in-class care

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