

Engage Symposium
November 15, 2025
Renaissance Hotel · Dallas, Texas

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Registration <i>Breakfast</i>				
9:30-10:15 a.m.	Welcome Session Keynote Address Mindy Henderson Vice President, Disability & Empowerment, Editor-in-Chief, Quest Media Muscular Dystrophy Association				
10:15-10:25 a.m.	Break				
	Research and Care Sessions				
10:25-11:25 a.m.	ALS Daragh Heitzman, MD Texas Neurology	DMD Kaitlyn Batley, MD UT Southwestern	FSHD Erin McCoy, MD UT Southwestern	SMA Daniel Cai, MD UT Southwestern	The Role of Nutrition in NMD Anne Gilmore, PhD, RD, LD UT Southwestern
11:25 – 11:35 a.m.	Break				
11:35 a.m.- 12:35 p.m.	CMT Michael Shy, MD University of Iowa	LGMD Matthew Wicklund, MD UT Health San Antonio	MG Shaida Khan, MD UT Southwestern	Myotonic Dystrophy Zurisadai Gonzalez Castillo, MD UT Southwestern	Ultra-Rare Jenny Riecke, MD UT Southwestern
12:35-1:45pm	Lunch Patient Advocacy & Engagement Panel				
1:45-2:45pm	Daily Living Breakout Sessions				
	Gene Therapy: Real-Life Experiences & What's on the Horizon Kaitlin Batley, MD UT Southwestern	Public Policy: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction and How to Take Meaningful Action MDA Public Policy and Advocacy Team	Caregiving Support & Resources Victoria Love, LMSW Texas Neurology	Navigating Equipment and Activities of Daily Living Tom Simon, ATP Numotion Katie Metheny, OTR/L	Transition to Adulthood Shaida Khan, MD Haibi Cai, MD UT Southwestern
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Break				
	Daily Living Breakout Sessions (Repeat)				
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Gene Therapy: Real-Life Experiences & What's on the Horizon	Public Policy: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction and How to Take Meaningful Action	Caregiving Support & Resources	Navigating Equipment and Activities of Daily Living	Transition to Adulthood
4:00-4:10 p.m.	Break				
4:10-4:45 p.m.	Closing Session <i>What's New in Neuromuscular Research</i> MDA Research Team				
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Networking Dinner				

Agenda is subject to change.