



**Florida
Chapter**

ALS Specialty Home Health Care Program

Information for Clinical Staff and Patients

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ALS Specialty Home Care Program

<h2>Program Components</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ RN assessment and evaluation ❖ Coordination with ALS multidisciplinary clinic team and ALS Association Care Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient and caregiver education • ADLs , adaptive equipment and assistive devices • Mobility and Transfers • Fall prevention • Energy conservation • Active, active assist and passive range of motion exercises • Respiratory and ventilatory support • Weight loss prevention and nutritional support decision-making • Medication management ❖ Caregiver support and safety training ❖ Speech device evaluation ❖ Power wheelchair and seating evaluations ❖ Assessment of social/emotional needs ❖ Assistance with advance directives ❖ Community resource coordination 	<h2>Patient Benefits</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ On-call RN, 24/7 ❖ Symptom management ❖ Pain management ❖ Emotional support ❖ Assistance with medication management ❖ Management of respiratory care ❖ Assistance nutrition intake options ❖ Assistance with bathing and hygiene ❖ Management of ADLs, mobility, and transfer safety ❖ Assistance with home exercise programs ❖ In-home evaluations for complex mobility equipment and speech devices ❖ Assistance with problem solving ❖ Support services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Health Aide visits for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bathing, toileting, dressing
<h2>Professional Staff</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Medical Social Services, MSW ❖ Counseling Services, LCSW ❖ Skilled Nursing Services ❖ Physical Therapy Services ❖ Occupational Therapy Services ❖ Speech Therapy Services ❖ Home Health Aide Services 	<h2>Caregiver Benefits</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Support services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Health Aide visits for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bathing, toileting, dressing ❖ Assistance with problem solving ❖ ADL and transfer training



ALS Information For All Disciplines

<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS Specialty Home Care Program components
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS-Supportive Therapy Management Goals for Health-Care Providers
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS-Integrated Pathway
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living with ALS, What's It All About
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beyond Denial and Despair: ALS and Our Heroic Potential for Hope
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen is NOT for Hypoventilation in Neuromuscular Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Facts about Pain and ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS and Cognitive Impairment for Professionals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living With ALS: Coping with Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ten Strategies for Adapting to Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Area's ALS Association Care Coordinator

Reading Resources: Info To Share with Patients and Families
Living With ALS: What's It All About?
Living With ALS: Coping with Change
Ten Strategies for Adapting to Disability
Empowering the Individual with ALS: Disease Specific Advance Directives
Patient Bill of Rights for People Living with ALS
ALS Respiratory Decisions Guide
Maintaining Good Nutrition With ALS
Information about Feeding Tubes
Cognitive Impairment for Families
Managing Neck Muscle Weakness
Dressing with Ease, Style and Comfort
Minimizing ALS Fatigue
What to Do in an Emergency

ALS Information Especially for Nurses

	Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review the ALS Functional Rating Scale for assessing disease progression
	Reading Resources: Clinical Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessing the Patient: Nursing Management in ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS Practice Parameter Summary 2009: Rx, Sx, Nutrition, Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS Practice Parameter Summary 2009: Multidisciplinary Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Symptom Management of the Patient with ALS: Guide for Nurses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living with ALS, Managing Symptoms and Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation aka BiPAP in ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treating Neuromuscular Patients Who Use Home Ventilation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caring for the Patient with ALS: Implications for Dietitians

ALS Information Especially for Certified Nursing Assistants

	Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	View power point, Caring for Persons with ALS
	Reading Resources: Clinical Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Caring for Someone with ALS

ALS Information Especially for Physical and Occupational Therapists

	Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	View video, Living with ALS: Functioning When Your Mobility is Affected
<input type="checkbox"/>	View slides, Equipment & Devices for People with ALS
	Reading Resources: Clinical Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Therapy Through Six Stages of ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Therapy Intervention with ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managing Neck Muscle Weakness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment & Devices for People with ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	OT Manual: Daily Activities Made Easier for People with ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living with ALS: Functioning When Your Mobility is Affected
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS: A Complex Rehab Challenge

ALS Information Especially for Speech Therapists

	Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	View video, Adjusting to Swallowing and Speech Difficulties
	Reading Resources: Clinical Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication Management in ALS: The Role of the SLP during Disease Progression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living with ALS: Adjusting to Swallowing and Speaking Difficulties
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical Stimulation and Dysphagia: What we do and don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Augmentative/Alternative Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	FYI: Augmentative Communication
	Resources: Specific Info To Share with Patients and Families
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter Board Side 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter Board Side 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voice Banking Guidelines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Text-to-Speech programs for PC
<input type="checkbox"/>	How Swallowing Can Be Affected in Patients with ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTRI Application for Relay and Infrared Telephone
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAQ: When Your Speech is Affected by ALS

ALS Information Especially for Social Workers

	Reading Resources: Clinical Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Empowering the Individual with ALS: Disease Specific Advance Directives
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living With ALS: Coping with Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Optimizing Psychosocial Care in ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Talking With Your Patient's Children About ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respite Grants and Home Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coping With Grief: Strategies for People Living with ALS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation of Tissue
	Resources: Specific Info To Share with Patients and Families
<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping Children Cope with ALS: Parental Information Guide
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS Peer Support Networks for Kids
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALS Support Groups in Florida