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2020 ALS Clinical Conference • October 20-22 • Orlando, FL



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ABOUT THE ALS CLINICAL CONFERENCE:



Join us for the 2020 ALS Association Clinical Conference, an engaging opportunity for ALS/MND health care professionals offering the most current information on best practices and guidelines for caring for people living with ALS. Discussions include multidisciplinary team care and coordination, ALS-relevant programs and services, assistive technologies, respiratory management, options for augmentative communication, and much more.

This year's conference will provide a venue for nurses, clinic coordinators, and allied health professionals to discuss new trends, share current best practices, exchange ideas and successes, and dialogue on challenges and potential solutions for disease management in the field of ALS. The forum will also include educational exhibit display opportunities to provide attendees hands-on experience with a variety of subjects directly related to health care professionals involved in caring for people living with the disease.

Call for Presentations

The ALS Association invites nursing, allied health professionals, practice administrators, and social workers to submit abstract proposals for platform and poster presentations at the 2020 Clinical Conference. The Clinical Conference will provide opportunities to hear about the latest ALS care practices, gain new skills, and identify helpful resources to enhance your experiences in working with people diagnosed with ALS and their families. The ALS Association is soliciting original presentations on a wide range of topics related to ALS, but we particularly encourage presentations on novel approaches and solutions to challenges faced in the clinical management of ALS and the quality of life of those affected by the disease.

Submit your platform or poster presentation to [ALSClinicalConf.org](https://www.alsclinicalconf.org).





Session Topics

The Clinical Conference planning team is particularly interested in receiving proposals that:

- Provide practical management strategies
- Report on options, solutions, and impact
- Stimulate understanding and learning for new ALS care services staff and health care professionals
- Expand and deepen the knowledge of seasoned providers
- Provide practical information about assistive technologies, navigating Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance, the challenges and benefits surrounding telehealth, and quality of life issues.

Significant topics of interest for the conference include, but are not limited to:

- The Disease (e.g. Introduction to ALS, Genetics in ALS, etc.)
- Research and Clinical Trials (e.g. National ALS Registry)
- Clinical Management (e.g. Adaptive and Assistive Technology, Symptom Management, Quality of Life Issues, etc.)
- Social Work Practices and Programs (e.g. Support for Children, Teens, and Young Adults, Care for the Caregivers, etc.)
- Insurance and Financial Resources (e.g. Updates on Medicare Changes, Navigating Benefits, etc.)
- Supporting Professional Caregivers (e.g. Preventing Professional Burnout and Compassion Fatigue)

Preliminary Schedule

This schedule is subject to change

Monday October 19th (Chapter Day)

Open only to appropriate ALS Association chapter and national staff

Chapter Day Schedule	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Possible Reception	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Tuesday October 20th (Clinical Conference)

Registration (morning)	7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Registration (afternoon)	4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Breakfast	7:00 am – 7:45 am
Conference Schedule	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Possible Reception	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday October 21st (Clinical Conference)

Registration (morning)	7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Registration (afternoon)	4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Breakfast	7:00 am – 7:45 am
Conference Schedule	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sponsors and Exhibitors' Reception	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday October 22nd (Clinical Conference)

Registration	7:00 am – 11:30 am
Breakfast	7:00 am – 7:45 am
Conference Schedule	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Dress code is business casual



CONFERENCE INFORMATION



Lodging

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
One Grand Cypress Blvd.
Orlando, Florida, 32836

Room rates and hotel
registration information will
be available soon.

Transportation

Attendees flying to the
Clinical Conference
can fly into Orlando
International Airport.

Registration

Registration information to come

Continuing Education Credits

(US Citizens Only) This conference is being submitted for approval to several professional organizations. The ALS Association is pleased to apply for continuing education credit for the following disciplines: assistive technology professionals, registered dietitians, nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, social workers, and speech-language pathologists.

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