



THE ALS ASSOCIATION

Annual Leadership and Clinical Conference

**January 22 – 24, 2009
Newport Beach,
California, USA**

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

The ALS Association will be hosting a 3-day clinical conference for allied health care, behavioral health and social work professionals.

The conference will focus on exchanging research, treatment updates, and information regarding best practices and emerging trends. Funding and benefits, end-of-life rights, psychosocial and allied issues will also be featured.

Intended conference participants include speech and language therapists, social workers and counselors, nurses, assistive technology specialists, physical and occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, doctors, and research coordinators.

We are calling for proposals about innovative solutions for clinical management, patient issues, support for caregivers, outreach strategies, and community or funding support. Individual speakers, panel discussions, and research updates are welcome. Speakers should plan on a 30 or 60 minute time slot.

The 2009 Clinical Conference committee is particularly interested in receiving proposals that:

- Provide practical management strategies
- Report on options and solutions
- Stimulate understanding and learning in new patient services staff
- Expand and deepen the knowledge of seasoned providers
- Provide practical information about assistive technologies

Major tracks for 2009 will emphasize:

- Newcomer Nuts and Bolts
- Research and Complex Technologies
- Care and Therapy (Discipline Specific)
- Logistic and Financial Issues
- Psychosocial and Case Management Issues

Submission Instructions

Proposals must be in English, font size 10 or 12, Arial or Times New Roman.

Proposals must be submitted electronically, please do not fax or mail submissions.

All proposals should be submitted to Susan Carlsson Stone, Director, Healthcare Education and Program Development sstone@asla-national.org.

Questions should be addressed to Susan Carlsson Stone via email.

Please use the following as an outline. Proposals which omit critical information, will be returned for completion.

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| I. | Title | |
| II. | Contact Info | Name, degree, institution/agency affiliation, complete street address to which correspondence should be sent, phone, email address. Include information for each speaker. If the proposal is being submitted on behalf of a presentation team, please highlight the primary contact or speaker by bolding or underlining his/her information. |
| III. | Summary | Approx. 200 word maximum |
| IV. | Goals and learning objectives | List 3 learning objectives |
| V. | Format | I.e. Lecture, panel discussion, research review, experiential, multiple speakers. Where there be a video or hands on component? Indicated preferred time slot: 30 minutes or 60 minutes. |
| VI. | Outline | Include detail regarding the time to be allotted to the introduction, body of information, conclusion and question/answers, if any. |
| VII. | Summary of primary presenter's experience presenting on this topic or presenting to a similar audience. | Approx. 50 word summary and/or a CV |

Deadline for submissions is July 5, 2008

Selected presenters will be notified by August 1, 2008

Other important date considerations

Speaker Agreement including audiovisual request, CV, biography for all members of the presenting team

September 1

Presentation PowerPoint via electronic transmission, CD or memory stick.

November 1

Reduced hotel price hotel accommodations

December 1