



**Florida  
Chapter**

# ALS Specialty Home Health Care Program

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



# ALS Information For All Disciplines

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

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

## ALS Information Especially for Nurses

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

## ALS Information Especially for Certified Nursing Assistants

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

## ALS Information Especially for Physical and Occupational Therapists

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

## ALS Information Especially for Speech Therapists

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

## ALS Information Especially for Social Workers

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