ABOUT COMPASSIONATE CARE ALS

What does Compassionate Care ALS offer?
Compassionate Care ALS offers a tailored range of services that address the needs of those living with ALS. Our programs include:

- ALS Patient, Family and Caregiver Support Program
- Cultivating Compassion Education Program
- CCALS Van Program

Our programs address the following aspects of the disease:

Physical
CCALS staff members meet clients and families in their homes to evaluate accessibility and to recommend ways we can help.

Emotional/Spiritual
We also provide one-on-one guidance sessions, in which we have honest conversations about the progression of living with ALS, possible fears regarding the future, coping with the reality of one's mortality, and the many other concerns and questions that individuals and families face.

Education
Our Cultivating Compassion Education Program helps to improve effective communication among individuals living with ALS, families and healthcare professionals, while shedding light on the realities of living life while navigating the complexities of ALS.

Transportation
The CCALS Van Program provides wheelchair accessible vans for use for individual clients, caregivers and families.

Other needs
We have a team of qualified individuals that we refer to on an as needed basis. Referral services include; hospice providers, integrative therapy practitioners, and specialists like trauma and grief counselors and nutritionists.

CCALS staff is always available for formal appointments, informal phone conversations and ready to provide Medicare and Medicaid assistance, grief counselors, nutritionists and augmentative communication support along with a myriad of other resources.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call (508) 444-6775.
Neurological Clinical Research Institute (NCRI)

MGH is proud to be a part of the ALS ONE partnership, providing innovative care and performing pioneering research to cure ALS. Our clinical and research programs are tightly aligned and synergistic. The mission of the MGH multidisciplinary ALS clinic is to be a place of caring and hope. It is where we lay the foundation for a partnership between providers, researchers, people with ALS and their caregivers and loved ones. And, together, through care, we seek a cure. The mission of our research institute, the MGH NCRI, is to translate scientific discovery into new ALS therapies as rapidly as possible. Here, we bring potential therapies to research participants and collaborate with researchers around the world to seek novel avenues to a cure.

For information about clinical trials please visit www.massgeneral.org/clinicaltrials. Or contact Access Nurse, Katie Tee (617) 643-6249 or ktee@partners.org.

UMass Medical School offers the latest in research and clinical trials. Patients benefit from advanced diagnostic and treatment options that come from this research. Learn more about basic and clinical research at UMMS.

See more at www.umassmedresearchvolunteer.org/clinical_studies_conditions_list.aspx. Or contact Diane McKenna-Yasek at (508) 856-4697.

ALS TDI Precision Medicine Program

The ALS Therapy Development Institute operates the world’s first and largest precision medicine program in ALS. The goal of the program is to identify subtypes of ALS and the specific compounds that treat each type to advance the most effective treatments into clinical trial.

For more information visit www.alstdi.org/precision-medicine-program. Or contact Robert Goldstein rgoldstein@als.net (617) 441-7200.

Visit www.ccals.org for the latest in clinical trial updates