



Allied Health Professionals Program

November 30, December 1 & 2, 2022

**All times are shown in Pacific Standard Time (PST)*

***Times subject to change*

November 30		
10:20 AM – 12:20 PM		
10:20 AM - 12:20 PM	ALS/MND Connect	
12:30 – 1:45 PM	LUNCHEON Keynote speaker: Colleen O’Donnell	
2:00 PM – 5:10 PM		
Welcome		
2:00 – 3:20 PM	Welcome & about the Alliance	Calaneet Balas
	Welcome from the program chairs	Sara Feldman Rachael Marsden
	March of faces	
	Multi-disciplinary care panel	
3:20 – 3:40 PM	Coffee Break	
Activities of daily living		
3:40 – 5:10 PM	Welcome back	
	One year later, an update on My ALS Decision Tool™ and information guides	Anne Marie Doyle
	"Positive Tiredness": A Concept to challenge fatigue management for people with ALS/MND	Helen Carey
	Using and creating educational resources for families	David Meissner
	The wheelchair alliance	Nick Goldup
6:30 – 7:30 PM	ALS/MND WALK	
8:00 PM	RECEPTION	



December 1		
8:00 AM – 12:40 PM		
Care Management		
8:00 – 9:50 AM	Welcome back	
	Neck weakness in MND/ALS: An investigation of the relationship between walking ability and neck weakness, and how this impact management strategies	Trin Sia
	Establishing a neuro-palliative care clinic in the hospital setting: lessons learnt for ALS care	Gargi S Kumar
	Breaking Bad News	
9:50 – 10:10 AM	Coffee Break	
Mental health, psychosocial and emotional support models of care		
10:10 AM -12:40 PM	Welcome back	
	Developing a web resource on experiences of inherited MND for patients, families and healthcare professionals	Jade Howard
	Making sense: An online meaning centred psychological intervention for individuals with MND	Sandra De Moree
	Mitigating stressors through building systems of support for children and young adults impacted by ALS.	Lily Cola
	My ALS/MND patient mentioned wanting to die, now what? A brief guide to conversations about death, dying, and suicide screening for non-mental health	Amber Johnstone
	ALS Canada support group model	Kim Barry
	E-Learning on palliative and end-of-life care in ALS for all caregivers accompanying ALS patients in Belgium	Liesbet Casier
	Virtual networking and posters	
12:40 – 1:55PM PM	POSTER LUNCHEON	
2:00 PM – 5:40 PM		
Multi-disciplinary care		
2:00 – 3:50 PM	Welcome back	
	Building local mental health support through education and collaboration	Melissa Enfinger



2:00 – 3:50 PM	Eating with dignity: Exploring how eating can be improved for people with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	Gudlaug Gisladóttir
	Guidelines for healthcare professionals working with individuals with complex communication needs	Lisa Bruening
	BowALS: Understanding changing bowel habit in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Jan Clarke
	Let's Talk about Sex and ALS	Joanna Nunez
3:50 – 4:10 pm	Coffee Break	
Assistive technology / Improving technology		
4:10 – 5:40 PM	Welcome back	
	Augmentative and alternative communication (ACC): the AISLA model for evaluating and providing devices in Italy.	Massimiliano Filosto
	What we learned about making videogames more enjoyable to play for people living with MND: insights from a scoping review	Ben O’Mara
	Voice Banking - what is the current status of the technology and where do we go from here to help ensure it meets the needs of people with MND/ALS?	Richard Cave
	DuoRhythmo: a collaborative accessible digital musical interface for PALS and CALS	Ivanyl Balazs
DINE AROUND		

December 2		
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM		
Research		
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Welcome back	
	Gendered meaning making of caregiving among spouses of persons with ALS: implications for care.	Manjusha Warriar G
	Strengthening the Paradigm of Science and Patient Collaboration	Allison Bulat
	A qualitative evaluation of the revised Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R) by the patient community	Danielle Boyce



	Abstract, research staff satellite meeting	Tommy Bunte
	Virtual networking and posters	
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break	
Speech therapy and communication		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Welcome back	
	Allied Health Professional Award	
	MND professionals' community of practice	Jennifer Bedford
	The ALS Association's rapid access communication kit distribution program	Alisa Brownlee
	Your voice, your choice – Speech language pathologist navigation of the ever-evolving process of voice banking for people with Motor Neurone Disease.	Rachel Robinson
	Looking forward to 2023	
PACKED LUNCH		