

## 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.*

# CCALS

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LEADING A NEW VISION IN ALS CARE SINCE 1998

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## CCALS, CLINICAL TRIALS AND YOU.



Working Together for Care and a Cure!



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# Clinical Trial Opportunities



## 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](http://www.massgeneral.org/clinicaltrials). Or contact Access Nurse, Katie Tee (617) 643-6249 or [ktee@partners.org](mailto:ktee@partners.org).



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See more at [www.umassmedresearchvolunteer.org/clinical\\_studies\\_conditions\\_list.aspx](http://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](http://www.alstdi.org/precision-medicine-program). Or contact Robert Goldstein [rgoldstein@als.net](mailto:rgoldstein@als.net) (617) 441-7200.

Compassionate Care ALS takes a comprehensive approach to integrating our CARE with research institutions, ALS clinics and hospitals. We work to ensure appropriate care and education for those individuals and families who are newly diagnosed as well as those currently enrolled in clinical trials. We also provide information to those interested in existing trials and those who wish to be informed about research efforts. We work with our current clients to connect them with clinical trials at ALS ONE partner organizations.

For clinical trials occurring at our ALS ONE partners, Massachusetts General Hospital, ALS TDI and UMass Medical Center we offer our families along with ALS ONE partner families rides to trials in our handicapped accessible vans.

For more information about our transportation program, please contact Shannon Carey at [Shannon@ccals.org](mailto:Shannon@ccals.org) or (508) 444-6775.



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