

ALL CONFERENCE SESSION TIMES LISTED ARE IN CENTRAL TIME

Saturday, March 15, 2025

12:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration Open for Care Center Directors	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
12:00 – 6:00 PM	Registration Open for Large Exhibit Booth Sponsors	Trinity Exhibit Hall
5:00 – 7:00 PM	MDA Care Center Network Happy Hour	Gossip Bar

Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration Open	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	MDA Care Center Directors Meeting (Invitation Only)	
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Allied Health Workshop <i>Shifting Care for Shifting Needs: Coordinating Care and Increasing Quality of Life via Assistive Devices</i>	
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Trainee Networking Session	
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Neuromuscular Advocacy Collaborative Meeting (Invitation Only)	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Welcome Reception & Posters in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall

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Monday, March 17, 2025

6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration Open	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Industry Forum Breakfasts argenx Avidity Biosciences ITF Therapeutics Amicus	
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks Donald S. Wood, PhD President and CEO of the Muscular Dystrophy Association MDA Legacy Award	
9:30 – 9:55 AM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Keynote Address Panel Discussion on NMD	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Industry Forum Lunches Biogen Novartis PPD, part of Thermo Fisher Scientific Sarepta UCB	
Allied Health Track		
2:00 – 3:30 PM	The Latest in Pulmonary and Cardiac Management in Neuromuscular Disease Chair – Elizabeth McNally, MD	
Disease Mechanism Track		
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Nerve Regeneration – The Next Frontier Chair – Kuldip Dave, PhD	
Care Management Track		
2:00 – 3:30 PM	DEI: What Can We Learn From Other Fields? Chair – Diana Castro, MD	

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Diagnostic Rolodex Track		
2:00 - 3:30 PM	Myasthenia Gravis: Presentation and Diagnosis; Current Therapies; and Current & Future Research	

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	Chair – Sarah Heintzman, MS, APRN-CNP, FNP-C, CCRC	
Catalyzing Innovation: Strategies of Streamlining Drug Development Track		
2:00 - 3:30 PM	Innovative Research Programs: Filling Gaps in Therapeutic Development Chair – Sharon Hesterlee, PhD	
3:30 – 3:55 PM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall
Allied Health Track		
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Optimizing Nutrition and Physical Therapy in Neuromuscular Disease: Practical Applications for Patient Care" Chair – Umme Salma Vahanvaty, MS, RD, CSP	
Disease Mechanism Track		
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Muscle Regeneration in Diseased Muscles: How Close Are We? Chair – Rita Perlingeiro, PhD	
Care Management Track		
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Developing a Sustainable Multidisciplinary Team Model Chair – Erika Finanger, MD, MS	
Diagnostic Rolodex Track		
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Myositis: Best Practices & Updates Chair – Tahseen Mozaffar, MD	
Catalyzing Innovation: Strategies of Streamlining Drug Development Track		
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Lessons Learned from MOVR Data Chair – Andre Paredes, PhD	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	MOVR Workshop (Invitation Only)	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Poster & Networking Reception	Trinity Exhibit Hall

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7:00 – 8:00 AM	Industry Forum Breakfasts Astellas Biogen Catalyst Sarepta	
ALS/FTD Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Leveraging Genetics for ALS Therapeutics Chair – Matt Harms, MD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Role of Glial Cells in Disease Pathogenesis Chair – Rita Sattler, PhD, MSc	
Disease Mechanism Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Approaches to Restoration of Large Genes Chair – Jeffrey Chamberlain, PhD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Targeting Signaling Pathways to Treat Muscular Dystrophies Chair – Matthew Alexander, PhD	
Care Management Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Navigating Transition: Strategies for Care Across Settings and Life Stages Chair – Yaacov Anziska, MD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Building Bridges: Community Partnerships for Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Care Chair – Susan Apkon, MD	
Genetic Medicine Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Gene Therapy Updates - Where are we Today? Chair – John Brandsema, MD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Real World Experience With Elevidys Chair – Barry Byrne, MD, PhD	
8:30 – 10:30 AM	Pompe Disease: Exploring Mechanisms, Therapeutic Advances, and Multidisciplinary Approaches (<i>Session in Partnership with TREAT-NMD</i>) Chair: Priya Kishnani, MD	
10:30 – 10:55 AM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall

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Genetic Medicine Track

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	New Genetic Technologies in Diagnosis and Treatment of Neuromuscular Disease Chair – Kelly Minks, MS CGC	
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Lab to Life Track

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Non-Muscle Organ Systems in Myotonic Dystrophy Chair – Thomas Cooper, MD	
	Current Landscape in GNE Myopathy Chair – Alan Beggs, PhD	
	Rational Disease-Modifying Therapies for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease and Related Neuropathies –Are We There Yet? Chair – Josh Burns, PhD	
	Pre-clinical and Clinical Efforts in Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy (OPMD) Chair – Mathew Wicklund, MD	

12:00 – 1:30 PM	Industry Forum Lunches argenx Dyne Therapeutics Edgewise Therapeutics Genentech Scholar Rock	
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ALS / FTD Track

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Brain Computer Interface and AI meet ALS Chair – Ernest Fraenkel, PhD	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Advances in Biomarker Exploration Chair – Tania Gendron, PhD	

Disease Mechanism Track

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Fibro-adipogenic Progenitors - Mechanisms and Therapeutic Opportunities Chair – Marshall Hogarth, PhD	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Preview of Genetic Therapies in the Preclinical Pipeline Chair – Nicolas Wein, PhD	

Care Management Track

2:00 – 4:00 PM	Preparing for Tomorrow's Leaders & Fostering Diversity Among Providers Chair - Terry Heiman-Patterson MD	
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Genetic Medicine Track

2:00 – 4:00 PM	Gene Therapy for Intermediate/Experienced Sites Chair – Natalie Goedeker, CPNP	
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4:00 – 4:25 PM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall
ALS / FTD Track		
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Newest Therapeutic Target Discoveries Chair – Nicholas Maragakis, MD	
Disease Mechanism Track		
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Genetic Modifiers – New Targets for Muscular Dystrophies Chair – Dean Burkin, PhD	
Care Management Track		
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Changing Policies and Pushing Boundaries Chair – Leigh Maria Ramos-Platt, MD	
Genetic Medicine Track		
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Gene Therapy Funding Strategies: Workshop for MDA Care Centers Chair – Hoda Abdel-Hamid, MD, MSc, FAAN	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Poster & Networking Reception	

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration Open	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">New, Novel, Noteworthy & Late-Breaking: NMD Highlights</p> <p>We are thrilled to have had an overwhelming number of incredible abstract submissions as we reconvene in 2025. To that end, we have redesigned our Clinical Trial Presentations to include a wider range of topics which also allows for even more live presentations selected directly from the abstract submissions.</p> <p>This is a final day not to be missed!</p>	