

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone who is a pALS primary caregiver or family member, or is a healthcare professional, and is interested in learning more about ALS and how to care for pALS will benefit from this conference.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This conference focuses on the unique needs of pALS and caregivers in terms of programs Available, communication needs, and maintaining independence. We believe that you will feel more comfortable and confident after receiving training in how the disease progresses and how to care for a person with ALS through all the different stages.

A broad range of topics will be covered at the conference including:

- Medicare, Medicaid, MI Choice Waiver, Meals on Wheels
- Environmental Controls
- Communication

You will have the opportunity to interact with others who are also learning about the disease and how to care for pALS.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to pALS and families of pALS. The conference includes a hot breakfast and refreshments. There is a nominal fee of \$25.00 per person for healthcare professionals, home health agencies and hospices.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

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“Lou Gehrig’s Disease”

CAREGIVING WITH COMPASSION

A Conference for Caregivers
and
Healthcare Professionals

“Quality Care Through Education”

Thursday, July 29, 2010
Providence Park
Hospital
Outpatient Center
47601 Grand River Ave
Wixom, MI 48374

CAREGIVING WITH COMPASSION • A CONFERENCE FOR CAREGIVERS AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Purpose

Providing care to people with ALS (pALS) can be difficult. In order to provide the highest quality of care, we are offering this conference that will benefit home health agencies, hospices, primary caregivers, as well as families of pALS that serve the ALS population in Michigan. This conference focuses on the unique needs of pALS.

We believe that caregivers and families will feel an added level of comfort having received training in caring for a person with ALS.



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ALS of Michigan is dedicated to helping people with ALS (pALS), their families and caregivers live life as fully as possible. We also support research into the cause and cure of ALS, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

8:30-9:00

Registration/Breakfast

9:00-9:05

Introductions and Welcome

Judi Fortuna, Patient Services Coordinator, ALS of Michigan, Inc.

9:05-10:05

Medicare, Medicaid, MI Choice Waiver, In-home Assistance, and Meals on Wheels

Jenny Jarvis, Director of Communication, MMAP Counselor, Area Agency on Aging 1-B

Learn what services are available, who qualifies for services, the application process, and changes due to the healthcare reform bill.

10:05-11:05

Maximizing Safety and Independence Through the Use of Environmental Controls

Ghassam (Gus) Souri, M.S., RE, President & Founder of Assistive Technology of Michigan.

Learn about various types of controls available to maximize safety & independence. These devices allow you to control your lights, TV, DVD, phone, radio etc.

11:05-12:15

Communication Options for pALS

Lisa Bardach, MS, CCC-SLP, Speech Language Pathologist, ALS of Michigan

Lisa will talk about and demonstrate different devices that allow pALS to continue to communicate as natural speech declines.

Registration Form

**Please respond by
Friday, July 23, 2010**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

of people attending _____

Names _____

Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on card

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