

## ALLIED PROFESSIONALS FORUM

Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Chicago IL USA

4 December 2012

### PROGRAMME

8.30	Welcome and introductions	Steve and Rod	
8.40	A qualitative analysis of the impact of caregiving on ALS carer's lives	Beth Stephens	USA
9.00	Gathering of knowledge with a view to changing the practice for end-of-life care for MND/ALS patients, focusing among other things on support for relatives	Ole Gredal	Denmark
9.20	How can we support the quality of life of carers, and subsequently, PALS?	Richard Kimball	USA
9.40	Caregivers of Individuals with ALS and Cognitive and Behavioural Impairment: Pilot Study of a Psychoeducational Intervention	Susan Walsh	USA
10.00	An Innovative MND training program for frontline staff	Kristina Dodds	Australia
<b>10.20</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>		
10.50	Communications technology for people with MND: Current picture and future directions	Kim Rusten	Australia
11.10	Developing best practice guidelines in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) intervention for people with MND/ALS	Steven Bloch	UK
11.30	Computer Access Options for Individuals with ALS	Sara Feldman	USA
11.50	Eye Tracker Communication Devices in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: impact on disability and quality of life	Marco Caligari	Italy
12.10	Gadgets and Gizmos for the ALS/MND client – thinking outside the box	Amber Ward	USA
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Lunch and networking</b>		
13.50	When is palliative care appropriate in the care of someone with ALS / MND?	David Oliver	UK
14.10	Early specialist palliative care support	Stefania Bastianello	Italy
14.30	"Would you do it again?" Patient perspective regarding their decision for PEG in ALS	Elaine Cawadias	Canada
14.50	Dysphagia and Dysarthria in ALS: The Importance of Patient and Family Education	Kim Zimmerman	USA
<b>15.10</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
15.40	Children in ALS Families	Laurie Fieldman	USA
16.00	Reproductive Decision-Making in Familial ALS	Deborah Holley	USA
16.20	Using Surrogate Markers of Disease Progression to Improve Clinical Management of Patients with ALS	Patricia Andres	USA
16.40	To Exercise or Not to Exercise - That is the Question....and How much?	Margaret McGovern-Denk	USA
<b>17.00</b>	<b>Summary and Close - Attendees are invited to come together for drinks to continue discussion and relax. Location will be announced.</b>		

Co-Chairs - Steve Bell, MNDA; Rodney Harris, MND Victoria

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