

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Allied Professionals Forum

Grand Ballroom B | Westin Boston Waterfront | 7 December 2017

### Programme Agenda

8.30	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Steve Bell & Sara Feldman	
8.40	Welcome Speaker	TBD	USA
8.50	About the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations	Barbara Newhouse	USA
9.00	Meeting the Changing Needs and Increasing Numbers of Those Living with ALS/MND	Patricia Stanco	USA
9.20	Improving Patient Care: The Development, Delivery and Initial Evaluation of the Introduction of an Orthotist into a Well-Established Specialist ALS/MND Clinic in Order to Prolong Function	Nathalie Lucas	UK
9.40	Developing a Suite of Resources to Support Implementation of the NICE Guideline on ALS/MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland	Rachel Boothman	UK
10.00	Developing an Eating and Drinking Guide to Improve Quality of Life for People with ALS/MND, their Carers and Families	Kaye Stevens	UK
10.20	<b>Morning Refreshments</b>		
10.50	Families and ALS/MND: Development of a Resource Guide for Talking with and Supporting Children and Youths	Melinda S. Kavanaugh	USA
11.10	Six Months Sequential Sessions: A Novel Approach to Improve Participation in Family Peer Support	Merete Vaegter	Denmark
11.30	Genetic Counseling in ALS/MND Multidisciplinary Care: Insights and Challenges	Ashley Crook	Australia
11.50	ALS Web Based Educational Resources: Collaborative Effort	Krista Strait-Higgins	USA
12.10	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>		
13.40	The "Model of Doing" for People with ALS/MND	Helen Carey	UK
14.00	Advancing Respiratory Care in the ALS/MND Clinic	Denise Martins	Canada
14.20	The Impact of the Edinburgh Cognitive and Behavioral ALS Screen (ECAS) Master Classes: Training Health Professionals to Identify Cognitive and Behavioral Change in ALS/MND	Faith Hodgins	UK
14.40	Cannabis and its Usage in Symptom Management of ALS/MND	Leslie Ryan	USA
15.00	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
15.20	Power Wheelchair Advanced Features and their Impact on Function	Amber Ward	USA
15.40	A Revolutionary Approach to Assistive Technology for "Locked In" Patients	Or Retzkin	Israel
16.00	An Innovative Low Tech AAC Tool Designed Proactively in Collaboration with People with ALS/MND	John M. Costello	USA
16.20	Making Your Home a Smart Home	Sara Feldman	USA
16.40	<b>Close</b>	Steve Bell & Sara Feldman	

Co-Chairs: Steve Bell, MND Association; Sara Feldman, ALS Hope Foundation