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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 – 7:00 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

6:30 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 <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Co-Chair – Elizabeth McNally, MD, PhD Beth Kaufman, MD Co-Chair - Bethany Lussier, MD Jeanette Brown, MD, PhD	
Disease Mechanism Track		
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Nerve Regeneration – The Next Frontier Chair – Kuldip Dave, PhD Binhai Zheng, PhD Isobel Scarisbrick, PhD Brett Morrison, MD Nader Yaghoubi, MD, PhD	
Care Management Track		
2:00 – 3:30 PM	DEI: What Can We Learn From Other Fields? <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Chair – Diana Castro, MD Kan Hor, MD Oscar 'Hank' Mayer, MD	

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Diagnostic Rolodex Track

2:00 - 3:30 PM	Myasthenia Gravis: Presentation and Diagnosis; Current Therapies; and Current & Future Research <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Chair – Sarah Heintzman, MS, APRN-CNP, FNP-C, CCRC Mary Petrusis, MD Neelam Goyal, MD Ali Habib, MD	
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Catalyzing Innovation: Strategies for Streamlining Drug Development Track

2:00 - 3:30 PM	Innovative Research Programs: Filling Gaps in Therapeutic Development Chair – Sharon Hesterlee, PhD David Allison Lindsay Alfano, PT, DPT, PCS	
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 <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Chair – Umme Salma Vahanvaty, MS, RD, CSP Alicia Gilmore, MS, RD, CSO, LD Constance de Monts, PT, DPT Ahlee Kim, MD Shruti Nabar, MD	
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Disease Mechanism Track

4:00 – 6:00 PM	Muscle Regeneration in Diseased Muscles: How Close Are We? Chair – Rita Perlingeiro, PhD Giulio Cossu, MD, FMedSci, FEAS Simone Spuler, MD Carl Morris, PhD Pura Muñoz-Cánoves, PhD Glenn Walter, PhD	
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Care Management Track

4:00 – 6:00 PM	Developing a Sustainable Multidisciplinary Team Model <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Chair – Erika Finanger, MD, MS Kaitlin Batley, MD Aravindhan Veerapandiyam, MD	
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Monday, March 17, 2025 cont.

Diagnostic Rolodex Track

4:00 – 6:00 PM	Myositis: Best Practices & Updates Chair – Tahseen Mozaffar, MD Suur Biliciler, MD Namita Goyal, MD Bhaskar Roy, MBBS, MHS	
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Catalyzing Innovation: Strategies for Streamlining Drug Development Track

4:00 – 5:00 PM	Lessons Learned from MOVR Data Aravindhan Veerapandiyan, MD Bhaskar Roy, MD Chair – Andre Paredes, PhD	
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5:00 – 6:00 PM	MOVR Workshop (Invitation Only)	
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6:00 – 8:00 PM	Poster & Networking Reception	Trinity Exhibit Hall
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6:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration Open	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Industry Forum Breakfasts Astellas Biogen Catalyst The France Foundation	
ALS/FTD Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Leveraging Genetics for ALS Therapeutics Chair – Matt Harms, MD Sara Saez Atienzar, MSc, PhD John Landers, PhD Devesh Pant, PhD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Role of Glial Cells in Disease Pathogenesis Chair – Rita Sattler, PhD, MSc Justin Ichida, PhD Ludo Van den Bosch, PhD Allison Ebert, PhD Robert Culibrk, PhD	
Disease Mechanism Track		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Approaches to Restoration of Large Genes Chair – Jeffrey Chamberlain, PhD Hichem Tasfaout, PhD, PharmD Yu-Chung (Andy) Pien Doug Millay, PhD Stephen Eichhorn, PhD	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Targeting Signaling Pathways to Treat Muscular Dystrophies Chair – Matthew Alexander, PhD Steve Welc, PhD Alexis Demonbreun, PhD Kyoko Yokomori, PhD, DVM Hongshuai Li, MD, PhD	

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Care Management Track

<p>8:30 – 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Navigating Transition: Strategies for Care Across Settings and Life Stages <i>(CE Accredited)</i></p> <p>Chair – Yaacov Anziska, MD Tyus Hill Christina Trout, RN, MSN Jodi Wolff, PhD, MSSW Lauren Elman, MD Bakri Elsheikh, MBBS, FRCP, FAAN</p>	
<p>9:30 – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Building Bridges: Community Partnerships for Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Care <i>(CE Accredited)</i></p> <p>Chair – Susan Apkon, MD Mark Terrelonge, MD, MPH Elizabeth 'Lynne' Wood, MD</p>	

Genetic Medicine Track

<p>8:30 – 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Gene Therapy Updates - Where Are We Today? <i>(CE Accredited)</i></p> <p>Chair – John Brandsema, MD Susan Matesanz, MD Diana Bharucha-Goebel, MD Emma Ciafaloni, MD, FAAN</p>	
<p>9:30 – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Gene Therapy Experiences Across Neuromuscular Disease <i>(CE Accredited)</i></p> <p>Chair – Barry Byrne, MD, PhD Julie Parsons, MD Kevin Flanigan, MD Carmen Leon Astudillo, MD Mindy Cameron Aravindhan Veerapandiyam, MD</p>	

<p>8:30 – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Pompe Disease: Mechanisms, Therapeutic Advances, Advocacy, and Integrated Care Approaches (<i>Session in Partnership with TREAT-NMD</i>) <i>(CE Accredited)</i></p> <p>Chair - Priya Kishnani, MD Tracy Boggs, PT, MPT, NCS Tiffany House Amanda Joost Ferdinand Knieling Catherine Rehder, PhD Mark Roberts</p>	
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10:30 – 10:55 AM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall
Genetic Medicine Track		
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	New Genetic Technologies in Diagnosis and Treatment of Neuromuscular Disease <i>(CE Accredited)</i> Chair – Kelly Minks, MS CGC Jordan Bontrager, MS CGC Alayne Meyer, MS, CGC Natalie Katz, MD, PhD	
Lab to Life Track		
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Non-Muscle Organ Systems in Myotonic Dystrophy Chair – Thomas Cooper, MD Auinash Kalsotra, PhD Pradeep Mammen, MD Eric Wang, PhD	
	Current Landscape in GNE Myopathy Chair – Alan Beggs, PhD May Christine Malicdan, MD, PhD Francis Rossignol, MD Marjan Huizing, PhD Al Stork	
	Rational Disease-Modifying Therapies for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease and Related Neuropathies –Are We There Yet? Chair – Josh Burns, PhD Michael Shy, MD, FAAN, FANA Mario Saporta, MD PhD, MBA, FAAN Richard Finkel, MD Charlotte Sumner, MD	
	Pre-clinical and Clinical Efforts in Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy (OPMD) Chair – Mathew Wicklund, MD Guy Rouleau, PhD Bernard Brais, MDCM, PhD Jerel Banks, PhD Claudia Côté, PhD	
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 Daniel Rubin, MD, PhD Nathan Crone, MD James Berry, PhD	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Advances in Biomarker Exploration Chair – Tania Gendron, PhD Leonard Petrucelli, MD, PhD Adam Staffaroni, PhD Hanna Huber, PhD Rowan Saloner, PhD	

Disease Mechanism Track

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Fibro-adipogenic Progenitors - Mechanisms and Therapeutic Opportunities Fabio Rossi, MD Michael Wosczyzna, PhD Chair – Marshall Hogarth, PhD Carsten Bönnemann, MD	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Preview of Genetic Therapies in the Preclinical Pipeline Chair – Nicolas Wein, PhD Veronique Bolduc, PhD Zhenya Ivakine, PhD Mateusz Durbacz	

Care Management Track

2:00 – 4:00 PM	Preparing for Tomorrow's Leaders & Fostering Diversity Among Providers (CE Accredited) Chair - Terry Heiman-Patterson MD Co-Chair - Urvi Desai, MBBS, MS, MD, FAAN Ericka Greene, MD, MACM Vovanti Jones, MD	
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Genetic Medicine Track

2:00 – 4:00 PM	Gene Therapy for Intermediate/Experienced Sites (CE Accredited) Chair – Natalie Goedeker, CPNP Craig McDonald, MD, PhD Katherine Mathews, MD	
4:00 – 4:25 PM	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Trinity Exhibit Hall

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ALS / FTD Track

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Newest Therapeutic Target Discoveries**
 Chair – Nicholas Maragakis, MD
 Philip Wong, PhD
 Defne Amado, MD, PhD
 Laura Ranum, MD, PhD
 Shilpa Shambashivan, PhD
 Clotilde Lagier-Tourenne, MD, PhD

Disease Mechanism Track

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Genetic Modifiers – New Targets for Muscular Dystrophies**
 Chair – Dean Burkin, PhD
 Vandana Gupta, PhD
 Lori Wallrath, PhD
 Rachelle Crosbie, PhD
 Elizabeth McNally, MD

Care Management Track

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Changing Policies and Pushing Boundaries**
(CE Accredited)
 Chair – Leigh Maria Ramos-Platt, MD
 Lamar Davis, MD
 Malika Maddison, MHA, MBA, RT(T)
 Chamindra Laverty, MD
 Nicholas Johnson, MD, MS-CI, FAAN

Genetic Medicine Track

4:30 – 6:00 PM **Gene Therapy Funding Strategies: Workshop for MDA Care Centers**
(CE Accredited)
 Chair – Hoda Abdel-Hamid, MD, MSc, FAAN
 Co-Chair – Barry Byrne, MD, PhD
 Ashutosh Kumar, MD
 Matthew Ginsberg, MD
 Crystal Proud, MD

6:00 – 8:00 PM Poster & Networking Reception

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration Open	Geppetto Foyer, Tower Side
8:00 AM – 1:45 PM	<p>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>	
8:00 AM – 1:45 PM	Clinical Trial Updates	
8:00 – 9:45 AM	Preclinical Gene Correction Strategies	
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Preclinical Studies in Dystrophies and Myopathies	
8:00 - 9:45 AM	Advancing NMD Research with Digital Tools and Patient Data	
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Molecular Insights into NMDs	