

2026 National ALS Registry Annual Research Symposium and Meeting August 19th-20th, 2026

Day 1: Wed, August 19th, 2026

(Please note that all times are in Eastern Standard Time [EST])

Zoom sign in	9:45 AM
Welcome Danielle Boyce, MPH, DPA ALS Therapy Development Institute Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	10:00 AM
Opening Remarks Dr. Aaron Bernstein, MD, MPH Director National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	10:15 AM
National ALS Registry Update Paul Mehta, MD National ALS Registry, Principal Investigator, Registries and Surveillance Section, OIA Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	10:20 AM
National ALS Registry Partner's Presentations	
ALS Association Patricia Stanco, MHS	11:00 AM
Les Turner ALS Foundation Lauren Webb, LCSW	11:15 AM
Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Peyton Navarrete	11:30 AM
Team Gleason Adina Bradshaw	11:45 AM
Temple University Postmortem Core Partnership Lyle W. Ostrow, MD, PhD	12:00PM
Break & Lunch	12:30 PM

National ALS Registry Funded Research Presentations

Interactions between the microbiome, metabolome, and immune system as underlying mechanisms of ALS pathogenesis

1:30 PM

University of Michigan
Benjamin Murdock, PhD

Assessment of ALS Risk Factors from ALS TDI's Ongoing Natural History Study

2:00 PM

ALS Therapy Development Institute
Fernando Vieira, MD

Military exposures and ALS in a large veteran population

2:30 PM

President and Fellows of Harvard College
Marc Weisskopf, PhD, ScD

Establishing the Cohort for Occupational Risk and Prevention Studies for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS CORPS) (Prerecorded)

3:00 PM

University of Michigan
Stephen Goutman, MD

Towards Better Understanding of ALS using a Multi-Marker Discovery Approach from a Multi-Modal Database (ALS4M) National Opinion Research Center

3:30 PM

University of Missouri-Columbia
Xing Song, PhD

End of Day Discussion

4:00 PM

Adjourn

Day 2: Thursday, August 20th, 2026

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Welcome to Day 2 Danielle Boyce, MPH, DPA ALS Therapy Development Institute Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	10:00 AM
National ALS Registry Funded Research Presentations	
Serological profiling of the human virome and ALS risk in a military population Harvard University Alberto Ascherio, MD, DrPH	10:15 AM
Linking long-term air pollution exposure with ALS survival and disease progression University of Michigan Meredith Pedde, PhD, MPH, MPP	10:45 AM
Ambient Air Pollution as a Potential Risk Factor for ALS - Using a Multiomics Approach in a High-Quality Epidemiologic Study Karolinska Institute Fang Fang, PhD Jing Wu, PhD	11:15 AM
Persistent Environmental Toxicants in Veteran CNS Tissue: Identifying Exposures Determining Higher ALS Risk Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Elijah Stommel, MD	11:45 AM
Spatial multiomics to reveal focal pathologies in ALS postmortem cortical tissue Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth Kevin Cornell	11:55 AM
Group Q&A	
Break & Lunch	12:15 PM
National ALS Registry and ALS Association Incentives Pilot Project Reshma Punjani, MPH – National ALS Registry Patricia Stanco, MHS – ALS Association	1:30 PM
Living with ALS: Testimonies from Patients and Caregivers Doug Butchart Stacy Farber	2:00 PM

Mara Dolan

End of the Day Wrap-up/Questions/Open Discussion

3:00 PM

Danielle Boyce

Closing Remarks

3:15 PM

Paul Mehta, MD

National ALS Registry, Principal Investigator

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