

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Management Across the Disease Continuum

Goals and Objectives

Course Description

"Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" is a live (real-time) interactive webinar for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants presenting contemporary knowledge on this progressive neurodegenerative disease. The course addresses pathophysiology, clinical presentation, and disease progression with emphasis on motor neuron loss, respiratory compromise, and bulbar involvement. Participants will learn strategies for managing functional decline and promoting quality of life across all stages of the disease.

Course Rationale

The purpose of this course is to enhance clinical understanding of the unique and evolving needs of individuals living with ALS. The evidence-based strategies presented will guide the development of individualized treatment programs that optimize independence and support functional preservation, safety, and quality of life.

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Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify genetic mutations in familial and sporadic types of ALS.
2. Identify relevant biomarkers and imaging findings associated with diagnosis.
3. Recognize the stages of disease progression.
4. Identify assessment tools to track disease progression.
5. List the motor, non-motor, and bulbar components of clinical presentation.
6. Identify symptom management and psychosocial care strategies.
7. Distinguish the primary and secondary mechanisms contributing to pain.
8. Define respiratory compromise and recognize ventilation support options.
9. Identify dysphagia concerns and nutritional support strategies.
10. Identify contemporary options to facilitate communication.

Course Provider – Innovative Educational Services

Provider Contact Information – information@cheapceus.com

Course Instructor – Jodi Gootkin, PT, MEd, CEAS

Conflict of Interest – No financial or non-financial conflict of interest exists for the presenter or provider of this course.

Target Audience – Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants

Course Educational Level – This course is applicable for introductory learners.

Course Prerequisites – None

Method of Instruction – Live synchronous interactive webinar

Location - Cheapceus.com

Date – Multiple presentation dates.

Course Completion Requirements / Criteria for Issuance of CE Credits – Verified attendance at live interactive webinar and a score of 70% or greater on the course post-test

Continuing Education Credits – Three (3) contact hours / .3 AOTA CEUs

Course Fee - \$39.95

Registration Information – To register for this program, please go to: Cheapceus.com

Special Needs Requests – Email: information@cheapceus.com or phone: 954-663-4101

Cancellation by the Learner – Learners may cancel their participation at any time and receive a full refund of all paid fees.

Cancellation by the Provider – Registrants will receive a full refund of all paid fees within 24 hours of provider cancellation.

Complaint Resolution – Please call 954-663-4101 (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) to speak with a live customer service agent. Our goal is to work with our customers to resolve all issues to the customer's satisfaction with just one phone call whenever possible.

Refund Policy - Unrestricted 100% refund upon request. The request for a refund by the learner shall be honored in full without penalty or other consideration of any kind. The request for a refund may be made by the learner at any time without limitations before, during, or after course participation.



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Course Outline and Schedule

Topic	Time
Overview	0:00 - 0:10
Genetic and Environmental Factors	0:11 – 0:20
Pathogenesis	0:21 – 0:30
Neuroimaging and Biomarkers	0:31 – 0:40
Clinical Presentation	0:41 – 0:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	0:51 - 1:00
Disease Progression	1:00 - 1:15
Motor Impairment	1:16 – 1:25
Primary and Secondary Pain	1:26 – 1:30
Cognitive and Behavioral Changes	1:31 - 1:40
Respiratory Compromise	1:41 – 1:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	1:51 - 2:00
Dysphagia and Nutritional	2:00 – 2:15
Dysarthria and Communication	2:16 – 2:31
Pharmacotherapy	2:31 - 2:40
Patient Preferences and End of Life	2:41 - 2:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	2:51 - 3:00