

What is The Louise Wilcox ALS Multidisciplinary Clinic?

Our Clinic offers a specialized program of care for the evaluation and management of ALS symptoms. The purpose of the Clinic is to enable the patient to maintain the maximum level of neurological functioning in a supportive and understanding environment. The Clinic is held one or two Friday's a month for people with ALS. It provides an opportunity for patients to see our team of clinicians from a variety of disciplines at one appointment.

Services Offered

- Neurology
- Pulmonology
- Speech Pathology
- Nutrition
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Coordination of Care

For information

Please contact

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- Our **Clinic Coordinator** will arrange your appointment and coordinate your aftercare and follow up needs. She works both at the Clinic and at the ALS Association R I Chapter office.
- A **Speech Pathologist** will evaluate any speech and swallowing issues. A recommend for an evaluation for a communication device may be made.
- A **Nutritionist** will review the importance of diet and will make any necessary recommendations. This may include dietary adjustments for easier swallowing and increased calorie intake, tips for preparing food, and foods to avoid.
- Our **Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist** will discuss and make suggestions about prolonging mobility and function. Recommendations may include exercises, adaptive equipment, or outpatient or at home therapy.

Funding

The ALS Association Rhode Island Chapter covers all costs associated with the Clinic except for the physicians' fees. We are supported solely by donations. No ALS patient will be refused care due to inability to pay.



Neurologist

Dr. George M. Sachs, M.D.

Pulmonologists

Dr. Nicholas Hill, M.D.

Dr. Michael Stanchina, M.D.

Volunteers

Linda Boudewyns, Linda Benish

During Your Visit

You will be greeted upon arrival to your clinic appointment. You will then be brought into a private examination room. You will meet with the physicians and the rest of our clinical team here. Our staff will work together with you to establish a plan for the treatment of the disease and symptom management. Due to the number of clinicians at the clinic and their dedication to their patients, you can expect your appointment to last a few hours. If your visit becomes too lengthy, you may choose to meet with some of the clinicians during a future visit. Many patients choose to bring a family member or friend for company and support. Refreshments will be provided.

We Are Here to Help!

Once ALS is diagnosed the patient and family face a multitude of physical, emotional and financial needs. To provide assistance throughout their ALS journey, the Rhode Island Chapter of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association provides the following patient services and support:

- * Current information and referrals
- * Consultations & home visits
- * Monthly Support Groups
- * Equipment Loans
- * Patient Advocacy
- * Handicapped Transportation
- * Home Modification/Ramp Assistance
- * Respite Care
- * Annual ALS Symposium
- * Professional Education Programs
- * Multidisciplinary medical care at

Mission of The ALS Association Rhode Island Chapter

The Rhode Island Chapter's mission is to lead the fight to cure and treat ALS through global cutting-edge research, and to empower people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.



Louise Wilcox

Louise Wilcox was diagnosed with ALS in 1995. Louise was an accomplished chef, an inspiration to many and a driving force behind the creation of our ALS Clinic.

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Location

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