

ALS Treatment Centers

ALS United Mid-Atlantic supports eight distinguished ALS Treatment Centers. These facilities deliver clinical excellence to patients and their families through a compassionate, comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach.

Southeastern PA

- The Jefferson Weinberg Certified Center of Excellence at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- The ALS VA Clinic at Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center

South Central PA

- The Certified Center of Excellence at Penn State Hershey Medical Center

North Central PA

- The Recognized Center at Lehigh Valley Health Network
- The Recognized Center at Geisinger Danville Hospital
- The ALS Clinic at Geisinger Wyoming

Central and Southern NJ

- The Certified Center of Excellence at Hackensack Meridian Health Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Delaware

- The Tidal Medical Center ALS Clinic



About ALS United Mid-Atlantic

For more than 40 years, our organization has worked to improve the quality of life for families impacted by ALS by investing in quality care programs, empowering patients through advocacy, and promoting groundbreaking research towards new treatments and a cure.

ALS United Mid-Atlantic serves more than 1,200 people each year and covers a service area that encompasses eastern and central Pennsylvania, southern and central New Jersey, and all of Delaware.

Our mission: To unite and empower the ALS community through a collaborative approach to fostering bold research initiatives, advancing national and state advocacy, and providing comprehensive care and support to individuals and families affected by ALS.

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ALS United Mid-Atlantic is honored to be the principal charity of the Philadelphia Phillies. Through this special partnership, the Phillies have raised over \$20 million since 1984 to strike out ALS.

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What is ALS?

ALS was first identified in 1869, but it wasn't until 1939 that baseball great Lou Gehrig brought national and international attention to the disease. Still commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

ALS destroys a person's ability to control muscle movement. As the disease progresses, it takes away a person's ability to move, speak, and eventually breathe.

Average life expectancy for a person with ALS is just two to five years from diagnosis. However, recent studies are providing much hope for new treatments and a cure for ALS. While the disease can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender, race or nationality, studies have found that military veterans are approximately twice as likely to develop ALS as the general public.



Progress in Research

With your support, our research funding fosters a global collaboration of scientists to discover new treatments for ALS and move closer to a cure.

Since 2017, three new therapies have been approved by the FDA to treat ALS: Radicava, Relyvrio, and Qalsody. These developments are possible through decades of progress and advocacy.

In addition to these treatments, our research efforts focus on Assistive Technology, biomarkers, genetic therapies, platform trials, cognitive studies, mindfulness, and more.

ALS United Mid-Atlantic partners with nationally recognized leaders in ALS research, including scientists right here in our region.

Empowered through Advocacy

ALS United Mid-Atlantic advocates show their power by sharing their stories and promoting policies to improve quality of life and lead to a world without ALS.

Recent advocacy successes include passage of the ACT for ALS Act, increased funding for ALS research at the Department of Defense, and over \$3 million in state funding for ALS care across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Arthur and Lea Powell Care Services Program

Real people providing real help. This is our commitment to you. To do that, the Arthur and Lea Powell Care Services Program supports you and your loved ones with a skilled and compassionate team of health care professionals to walk this journey with you.

Our team provides tangible assistance and guidance to ensure you have the services and equipment that you need.

- Certified ALS Treatment Centers with multi-disciplinary care teams
- The Howard I. Abrams In-Home Care Program
- The Marjorie Shimer Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program
- The Scott A. Mackler, MD, PhD, Assistive Technology Program
- The Mike Kilpatrick ALS Transportation Program
- Home ramping and stair glides
- Resources for Military veterans
- In-person and virtual support groups for people living with ALS, family members, and friends.

