What to Expect & How to Prepare for Your Next ALS Clinic Appointment

Multidisciplinary clinic can be a long day for pALS and caregivers. We are always trying to be more efficient to make your time at the clinic shorter, while also making sure that all your needs are taken care of and we provide the best clinical care. You can help us in communicating questions, changes, and problems you are having before your scheduled appointment.

All patients will see: Neurologist, Attending Physician or Nurse Practitioner, Respiratory Therapy, Research Team Representative, Nurse, MDA, and ALSA. For some patients, once you see these each of these persons your visit will be complete. Others may need to see additional members of our clinic team. (A complete list of the Emory ALS clinic team is on the following pages.)

Sometime during the week prior to your ALS clinic appointment, you should be contacted by Holly, Leila, or Kimberlee, either by phone or email. If for some reason you do not, please call prior to your appointment. You can also call in the week of clinic at 404-778-3444. Please make sure you let them know what changes have occurred since your last visit. Let them know of any concerns or questions you have and if you need to see any of the following: Speech, PT/OT, Dietician, Representative to aid in access to technology, which includes Augmentative Communication, or other equipment providers. We typically have students, and Neurology trainees (Residents and Fellows) who may participate in your visit as well.

Planning ahead will help us be prepared to meet your needs, and hopefully shorten the time you will be there. It’s a good idea to bring a book or something to pass the time - of course our volunteers are also happy to visit with you as well!

Multidisciplinary ALS clinic is located at:

1365 Clifton Rd, Building B, 2nd floor – Suite 2200 in Neurosciences
Atlanta GA 30322

It is easiest to use the valet service at Building B. There is also parking available in the Lowergate West Parking Deck. Handicapped parking spots are available in the parking deck. We are unable to validate parking.

Our contact information is:
404-778-3444
Fax: 404-778-3495

Patients can sign up for the email portal by calling 404-727-8820. Patients with speech problems, please have family call our office and leave their email address.
Emory ALS clinic team:
Jonathan Glass, MD
Christina Fournier, MD
R. Carolina Garcia Santibanez, MD
Holly Doe, RN Nurse Director

Annie Rowland, FNP, APRN
Kimberlee Johnson, LPN
Michelle Hammond-Susten, LCSW, LLC
Leila Ibrahim

Research Team:
Meraida Polak, RN, BSN
Jane Bordeau, RN, BSN, MS
Anna Partlow
Arish Jamil

Janet Brantley, MHSA
Zenisha Bain
Michael Goulbourne, Information Specialist
Respiratory Therapy:  
Rob Kelley, CRT  
Shundolyn Harden, CRT

Physical Therapy: (mobility issues “below the waist”)  
Diane Beckwith, PT  
Laura Zajac-Cox, PT

Occupational Therapy: (mobility issues “above the waist” – hands/arms/fingers, too)  
Megan Hite, OTR/L

Speech & Language Pathologist: (speech, swallowing, and technology access)  
Paula Klingman-Palk, SLP  
Krista Mullen, MS CCC-SLP

Nutritionist: (nutrition issues, weight loss)
Others you may see while at clinic: Orthotist, Equipment providers, Hospice, and Volunteers who will offer you snacks, and take your photo for us.