sALSA Professionals Gather to Share Development Ideas

Atlanta, GA, February 25, 2014: Over 30 professionals from the Southeast ALS Alliance (sALSA) came together last weekend to share information and discuss topics such as ALS clinic management, patient care, respiratory management, and ALS research.

Jonathan Glass, Director of the Emory ALS Center in Atlanta, GA, organized and hosted the event. Attendees included neurologists, nurses, clinic coordinators, and allied health professionals supporting physical and occupational therapy, and speech/language specialists. Also in attendance were representatives from MDA and the ALS Association.

The mission of sALSA, which is a network of 15 ALS clinics from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, is “optimizing the care of pALS in the Southeast through collaboration, education, advocacy, and research.”

Topics included in the two day meeting were patient care, managing the VA system, respiratory management practices, and research biomarkers. Dr. Rick Bedlack, Director of the Duke ALS Clinic, presented on ALSUntangled, which helps patients with ALS (pALS) to review alternative and off-label ALS treatments.

sALSA wants to foster the development and growth of expert ALS Clinics throughout the southeast to bring excellent care closer to the patients to expand access to research and teaching centers.