



GET IN. WE'RE CURING ALS

"You see the thing about progress in a fight against a terminal disease is this: it doesn't matter who makes the progress, just that it keeps happening over and over and over until the disease is no longer terminal. #EndALS" - Brian Wallach, Co-Founder of I AM ALS

What's Up With Us

I AM ALS is working to drive progress forward for SSDI. SSDI = Social Security Disability Insurance. When a patient is diagnosed with a disability that will impair their ability to work, it takes five months to get SSDI. The bill to eliminate the five-month waiting period to access SSDI for people diagnosed with ALS already has support from nearly 370 members of Congress. There is absolutely no reason not to schedule the vote. We are asking our legislators to Schedule. The. Vote. Now.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Community Outreach Team

Community Outreach brainstormed everything from developing fundraiser ideas for a team member to thinking through programs and guides that can help individuals navigate the difficult decision

Share SSDI Video

Time is running out. Change lives. Share this video.

TAKE ACTION

You may be

wondering: Who is that Bitmoji? It's Michael, I AM ALS's community lead organizer!

of undergoing a tracheotomy. Stay tuned! Check out some of I AM ALS's existing guides [here](#).



Legislative Affairs Team

The House's ACT for ALS bill has [137 cosponsors](#)! It's in part thanks to the unrelenting advocates on this team for making that happen. But these passionate change makers don't rest on their laurels. Another bill, the [SSDI bill](#), has nearly 370 supporting members and needs to be voted on! To make this happen, the Legislative Affairs Team is spreading [this video](#) far and wide, sending it to legislators and sharing it on social media. [Join them!](#)



Veterans Affairs Team

Regroup! There's so much going on. The members of the Veterans Affairs Team took stock of all of their projects this week to ensure they were driving progress forward and creating plans to execute change! Want to join this group of revolutionaries? [Click here.](#)



Meet Jeremy: An integral member of our Community Outreach Team, a person living with ALS, founder of [Smile Inside](#) and now a doctor who just finished his dissertation! A huge congratulations to Jeremy. [Check out his completed dissertation here.](#)

WHAT'S COMING UP?

NOVEMBER 22-28

Support Groups All Over

Every week ALS organizations across the country host support groups for those living with ALS and their loved ones. Check to see if there is one in your area. Most are currently virtual.

[Register](#)

Weekly HEALEY ALS Platform Trial Q&A

Don't forget that every Wednesday the HEALEY & AMG Center for ALS hosts a Q&A session on their ALS Platform Trial.

[Register](#)

SEE ALL EVENTS



I AM ALS is a patient-led community that provides critical support and resources to patients, caregivers and loved ones. It empowers advocates to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS in driving the development of cures. Learn more at iamals.org.

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