

Amplifying the Voice of the ALS Community



ABOUT ALS

ALS, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that interferes with voluntary muscle movement.

- 01 ALS can impact anyone, regardless of age, gender or race.
- 02 90% of ALS cases have no genetic component.
- 03 Most people who develop ALS are between the ages of 40 and 70.



GIVING THE ALS COMMUNITY A VOICE

Although an ALS diagnosis can be devastating, it does not mean those living with the disease cannot lead happy, productive lives while we await a cure.

From speech generating devices to hands-free smart home control, assistive technologies are empowering individuals with ALS to continue to effectively communicate and engage with the world around them.

ALS BY THE NUMBERS

According to the ALS Association:



5,000

People in the U.S. are diagnosed with ALS each year.

1/2

of all people with ALS live three years after diagnosis, with 10 percent surviving 10 years or longer.



US Military Veterans

are 2X as likely to develop ALS.

1 in 347 Men
1 in 436 Women

will be diagnosed with ALS in their lifetime.²



14,000 - 15,000

Americans currently have ALS.³

80 to 95%

of people with ALS are unable to meet their daily communication needs using natural speech⁴ due to physical limitations brought on by the disease.



5 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ALS COMMUNITY

1

Fund ALS research initiatives through the **ALS Association**.

2

Get involved with your local **ALS Association Chapter**.

3

Volunteer with ALS support organizations like **Team Gleason**.

4

Share your ALS story or donate to support research through **I AM ALS**.

5

Use the **#ALSAwarenessMonth** hashtag to share this information on social media



To learn about communication device and funding options for you or your ALS loved one, **visit eyetechds.com**.