

WHAT IS ALS?

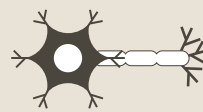
Fatal neurodegenerative disease

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, *also known as:*

Lou Gehrig's Disease



Motor Neuron Disease



Motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord degenerate



Motor neurons communicate with muscles to produce movement



Muscles stop responding to signals sent by motor neurons



Progressive body paralysis leading to loss of mobility and speech with no impact on senses



Life expectancy



80% of people die within
2 to 5 years after the diagnosis

In Canada



About **3000** people suffer from ALS



ALS is the most common cause of neurological death in Canada. More people die every year of ALS than of muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and cystic fibrosis combined.

ALS

Can affect anyone:
90% of cases are random
10% of cases are hereditary



Impacts the whole family on emotional, physical and financial levels



Unknown causes.
No curative treatment.



The ALS Society of Saskatchewan

Offers programs and services for people with ALS and their caregiver

Funds cutting-edge research projects in Canada

Raises awareness for the general population, government and healthcare professionals.



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