

Clinic Location & Contact Information

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How You Can Help

Please consider making a donation
to our program.

You can call the Development office at:
305-243-5198.

You can make a check to:
UM ALS Research or UM ALS Center of Excellence

Mail to:

UM Neurology

1120 NW 14th Street, Suite 1300
Miami, Florida 33136

You can go to:

www.miami.edu/alscenter



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OUR HISTORY

Kessenich Family ALS Clinic

Welcome to the Kessenich Family ALS Clinic, which is part of the ALS Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. We provide the highest level of care and multispecialty support for patients and families living with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) from the time of diagnosis to the end stages of the disease, while also advancing research into the cause and cure of ALS.

In 1994, at the age of 55, Mark F. Kessenich, Jr. was diagnosed with ALS. Over the next few years, he declined rapidly. He had great respect for his neurologist, Dr. Walter Bradley. Still, he was frustrated with the disjointed care he was receiving, visiting doctors all over town. He asked Dr. Bradley (who at the time was the Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of Miami) to help him start a multidisciplinary ALS Clinic for patients and their families. In 1997, Mr. Kessenich and his friends generously gave the funds to make the Clinic a reality. Each summer, his children celebrate his life and continue to raise money for the center with a golf tournament, The Kess Cup.

People with ALS do best with coordinated care for the wide range of needs they develop over the course of their disease. Research has shown that people with ALS who are treated at a multidisciplinary clinic live longer and have a better quality of life than those who are not. At the multidisciplinary Kessenich Family ALS Clinic at the University of Miami ALS Center, we provide the full range of clinical services for ALS patients through all stages of the disease. Our research program is seamlessly integrated to our clinic, allowing our patients to participate in the latest studies. Our team members include:

- Neurologist
- Nurse Practitioner and Nurse
- Speech and Swallowing Therapist
- Dietitian
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Research Coordinator

How Our Partners Can Help You

MDA - ALS Center partner since 1998

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has supported the ALS clinic since its inception in 1998.

Patients must register with the MDA to receive services:

- Support groups & education seminars
- Speech/Respiratory/Physical/Occupational Therapy – one evaluation per year
- Annual funding for repairs of durable medical equipment
- Loaned medical equipment
- Guide books/online resources/reading materials on ALS
- Promoting the National ALS Registry
- Community resource referral/support/care coordination

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe Counties

Phone: 954-971-0123

Fax: 954-971-0492

Indian River, Okeechobee, Martin, Palm Beach,

St. Lucie Counties

Phone: 561-742-3748

Fax: 561-742-3793

Website: www.mda.org



ALS Recovery Fund - ALS Center partner since 2001

The ALS Recovery Fund is a non-profit organization built entirely on the efforts of volunteers and has been a partner to the University of Miami since 2001. All money donated goes directly toward research and patient care at the University of Miami.

Individual patients complete an application and submit financial information.

- Assists patients directly with grants for medical needs (i.e. home health care, orthotics, and non-invasive ventilators.)

ALS Recovery Fund

Phone: 305-971-5416 • Fax: 305-971-5411

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Website: www.alsrecovery.org



ALSA - ALS Center partner since 2013

The ALS Association Florida Chapter offers care to ALS patients living in Florida and funds research to find the cause and cure for ALS.

Patients must register with ALSA to receive benefits:

- Resource support groups and caregiver support
- Assistive technology program
- Grants for modifications, respite, special needs
- Loaner medical equipment & equipment exchange
- Care coordination, health system advocacy
- Living with ALS manuals/online educational materials
- Promoting ALS awareness & the National ALS Registry

The ALS Association Florida Chapter

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Website: www.alsafl.org

