



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

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# Monthly Update

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## April Support Groups

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

April 5, 2011 6:00-8:00 PM

(1st Tuesday of every month)

Stony Brook University, Dept. of Neurology

179 North Belle Meade Rd, E. Setauket

(631) 444-1970

Topic: Communication devices: Demo and how to get a device through insurance.

Speaker: Kathleen McCloskey, SLP

Facilitator: Theresa Imperato, RN (631)444-4623

NASSAU COUNTY, NY

April 3, 2011 2:00 - 4:00 PM

(1st Sunday of every month)

North Shore's Central General Hospital

888 Old Country Road, Plainview

Downstairs meeting room

Topic: Communication devices: Demo and how to get a device through insurance.

Speaker: Kathleen McCloskey, SLP

Facilitators: Theresa Imperato, RN (631) 444-4623  
Jody Wiesel, PhD (917) 699-9751

MANHATTAN, NY

April 26, 2011 6:00-8:00 PM

**Please note change in date.**

Phillips Ambulatory Care Center (Beth Israel)

10 Union Square East (Bet. 14th & 15th St.)

2nd Floor, Conference Room #1

Topic: Advocacy and ALS walks with open discussion.

Speakers: Janet Diminich and Allison Lardner, ALS Association, Greater NY Chapter.

Facilitator: Jody Wiesel, PhD (917)699-9751

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

April 16, 2011 1:00-3:00 PM

(3rd Saturday of every month)

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital  
Medical Education Building, Rm 108A

180 Somerset Street, Follow signs to meeting.

Topic: ALS Walks

Speaker: Allison Lardner,

ALS Association, Greater NY Chapter  
(732)710-8832

Facilitators: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW,  
Mary AnnMertz, RN

**For more information about our Support Groups go to the Patient Services section at: [www.als-ny.org](http://www.als-ny.org) or call 212-619-1400.**

## It's Walk Season! Registration is Open!

Woodbridge - Sunday, May 1, 2011

New York City - Saturday, May 14, 2011

Long Branch - Sunday, May 22, 2011

Saddle Brook - Sunday, June 5, 2011

Westchester - Sunday, June 12, 2011

Long Island - Sunday, September 25, 2011

Hudson Valley - Sunday, October 16, 2011

**Visit [www.alswalks.org](http://www.alswalks.org) to sign up**

## What Does The Greater New York Chapter Do?

### Core Values For The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

People with ALS and their families come first in everything we do. The Greater New York Chapter works with ALS patients and their families to ensure the highest quality of life possible. The progression of ALS varies significantly from one patient to another.

No matter a patient's situation, we are available to provide vital services and reliable information. Through the Patient Services program, patient services staff assesses a patient's needs, recommends equipment and helps families plan for the future. The Greater New York Chapter has a medical equipment loan program through which patients receive items not covered by insurance, such as power wheelchairs, communication devices, shower chairs etc.

We deliver equipment to ALS patients and provide training for families. For more information, please visit our website [www.als-ny.org](http://www.als-ny.org) or call 212.720.3040.

## Telephone Support Groups:

### Caregivers

Every Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Facilitators: Adam Germinsky; [agerminsky@als-ny.org](mailto:agerminsky@als-ny.org); (212) 720-3045

Elizabeth Schachter; [eschachter@als-ny.org](mailto:eschachter@als-ny.org); (212) 720-3053

### PALS

Every Friday, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Facilitator: Elizabeth Schachter; [eschachter@als-ny.org](mailto:eschachter@als-ny.org); (212) 720-3053

### Adult Children with a parent who has ALS

Every Friday, 1:00 - 1:45

Facilitator: Adam Germinsky; [agerminsky@als-ny.org](mailto:agerminsky@als-ny.org); (212) 720-3045