



The ALS Association Greater New York Chapter

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# Monthly Update

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## May Support Groups

### NASSAU COUNTY, NY

May 1, 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: ALS Awareness Month, Open Forum  
Facilitators: Theresa Imperato, RN (631) 444-4623  
Jody Wiesel, PhD (917) 699-9751

### SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

May 3, 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: ALS Awareness Month, Open Forum  
Facilitator: Theresa Imperato, RN (631)444-4623

### MANHATTAN, NY

May 17, 2011 6:00-8:00 PM  
Phillips Ambulatory Care Center (Beth Israel)  
10 Union Square East (Bet. 14th & 15th St.)  
2nd Floor, Conference Room #1  
Topic: Equipment Loan Program  
Speaker: Ben Lieman,  
ALS Association, Greater NY Chapter.  
Facilitator: Jody Wiesel, PhD (917)699-9751

### NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ

May 21, 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: Open Discussion, Open to all.  
Facilitators: Debbie Schlossberg, LMSW,  
Mary AnnMertz, RN  
For information regarding support group meeting  
for newly diagnosed patients/families, contact  
MaryAnn Mertz (732) 235-7331 or  
Debbie Schlossberg (732)710-8832

**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.**

## May is ALS Awareness Month

*Get involved in the fight.*

### 2011 Walk to Defeat ALS

Woodbridge - Sunday, May 1  
New York City - Saturday, May 14  
Long Branch - Sunday, May 22  
Saddle Brook - Sunday, June 5, 2011  
Westchester - Sunday, June 12, 2011  
Visit [www.alswalks.org](http://www.alswalks.org) to sign up

### 2011 National ALS Advocacy Day & Public Policy Conference

Washington, DC | May 8 - 10  
Online registration is still open for the 2011 Conference. Please visit our website, [www.alsa.org/advocacy/advocacy-day](http://www.alsa.org/advocacy/advocacy-day), to register to attend the conference and to find additional information, including a detailed schedule of events for this year's conference.

### Team ALS: Running 4 A Cure

To join The ALS Association's 2011 NYC Marathon Team or for more information please contact Kristen Cocoman at (212)720-3048 or [cocoman@als-ny.org](mailto:cocoman@als-ny.org)

### Seeking Volunteers For In-Home Visit Program

We need volunteers to help our patients and their families. If you are looking for a way to get involved please call Christine Dunn at 212-720-3044 or email: [dunn@als-ny.org](mailto:dunn@als-ny.org) for New York, or Debbie Schlossberg at 732-710-8832 or email: [schlossberg@als-ny.org](mailto:schlossberg@als-ny.org) for New Jersey.

### Webinar: Familial ALS

Friday, May 6, Speakers: Michael Benatar, MD (University of Miami) and Timothy Miller, MD (Washington University). Go to the chapter website to register.

### Fundraiser for Team Mr. Magoo

Friday, May 6, 7 - 10 p.m., Brooklyn Pub, 689 6th Ave., Brooklyn NY. Go to the chapter website for more info.

### Donate

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