

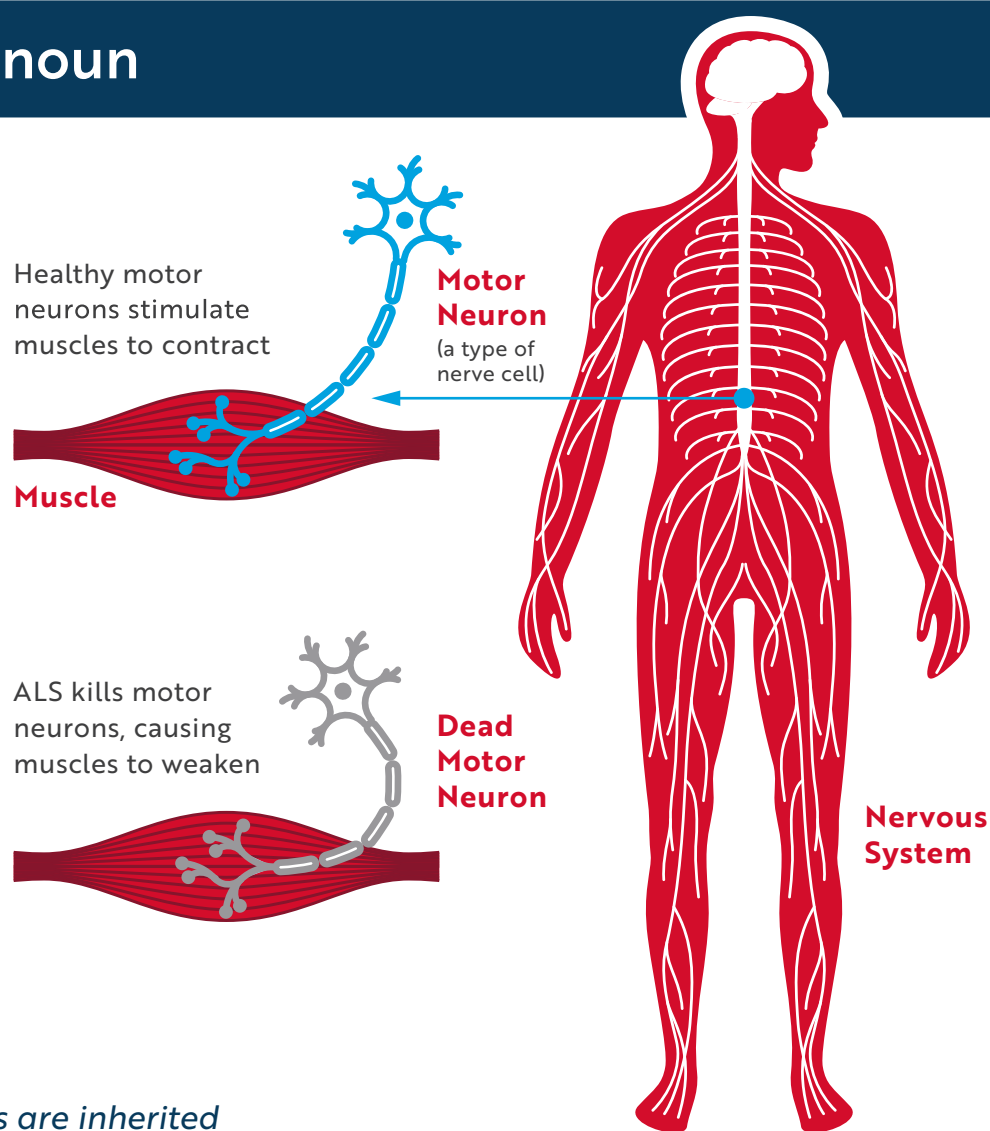
WHAT IS ALS?

a·myo·tro·phic lateral sclerosis | noun

ALS IS A PROGRESSIVE NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE THAT AFFECTS NERVE CELLS IN THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD.

ALS usually strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70, and approximately 20,000 people in the U.S. have the disease at any given time.

Although there is not yet a cure or treatment that halts ALS, scientists we fund through our global research program have made significant progress in understanding what causes ALS. But their work is not done. Together, we work toward a cure.



FACTS ABOUT ALS

5,000+ people are diagnosed per year

10% 10% of cases are inherited through a mutated gene

2-5 YEARS is the average life expectancy

Every **90 MINUTES** someone is diagnosed and someone passes away

90% of cases occur without family history



SYMPTOMS

Progressive loss of muscle control

ALS gradually prohibits the ability to:

- Speak
- Swallow
- Walk
- Grasp objects
- Move
- Breathe



DIAGNOSIS

Difficult to diagnose

- ALS is often diagnosed by ruling out other diseases, which may take months or years



MILITARY

Veterans are 2x as likely to get ALS

- ALS affects veterans who served in peacetime and war
- ALS impacts veterans, regardless of the branch of service or the war they served in

\$250,000 is the estimated out-of-pocket cost for caring for a person with ALS

Only **4 DRUGS** are currently approved by the U.S. FDA to treat ALS (Riluzole, Nuedexta, Radicava, and Tiglutik)

\$2 BILLION is the estimated cost to develop a drug to slow or stop the progression of ALS

There is **NO CURE** for ALS

You can help change the facts by donating to The ALS Association.