SERVICE-AT-A-GLANCE

(MNH) ALS OPD

Location – Are you located on one floor or in several locations in the hospital?
- OT gym – room 224 and out-patient clinic room 201B

Population – Describe in point form the characteristics of the patient population.
- ALS
- PLS

Age range
- Adults

Impact of illness/injury
- Weakness, decreased balance, compromised respiratory status affecting functional performance
- Oral motor weakness and decreased respiratory status affecting ability to swallow safely

Medications: be aware of their indications as well as side effects affecting functions and precautions
- Riluzole- slows progression of illness
- Symptom management: baclofen, elavil, medicinal marijuana, atropine drops, tizanidine, neurotin
- Bipap

Role – Describe the role of your service in point form.
- Swallowing Ax + recommendations
- Functional Ax + recommendations for equipment/services
- W/c, positioning(resting hand and feet splints)
- Referrals to community resources (CLSC, rehab, ALS Society of Quebec)
- Driving screening

Team and Key Contacts– Indicate if you work in a multidisciplinary team; who are the key players, staff doctors, consulting CNS’s and other specialists.
- Clinic coordinator Ritsa Argyriou 5262
- Neurologists: Dr Angela Genge and Dr Rami Massie ext 5262
- RN: Toni Vitale 1288
- OT: ext: 09838 pager: 514-406-4975
- PT: Maura Fisher ext:00457
- SLP: Carla Di Gironimo ext: 8902
- SW: Mia Lanno ext 5382
- Respiratory Therapist Nathalie Magnan
- Dietician: ext: 8888-36512

Rounds – List the day(s), hours and location(s) of the clinical rounds for your service.
- Multi-disciplinary clinics on Monday and Thursday. Monday rounds at 8:30.
**Medical Tests** – *Describe in point form the principle/most frequent risk factors that you assess specifically related to your patient population.*

- EMG- to assist with diagnosis
- Breathing tests with RT

**Assessments** - *Describe in point form the principle/most frequent forms that you complete specifically related to your patient population in addition to the psychosocial assessment.*

- OT department functional and swallowing evaluation forms

**Resources** - *Describe in point form the principle/most frequent hospital and community resources that you allocate specifically related to your patient population.*

- ALS Society of Quebec 514-725-2653
- CLSC
- Rehab centers- aides techniques, assistive technology, environmental controls

**“Insider” Info** – *List any tips, cautions, fast-tracks, templates or lists that would help facilitate a quick-start for someone new to this service.*

- ALS diagnosis: entitled to manual and motorized** wc covered by RAMQ (**provided home environment is accessible)
- CLSC- PAD program start early, home adaptation to address accessibility
- ALS Society has several financial aid programs to help patients with renovations, purchase of equipment, services and respite