

**Map to Greater Houston Area
ALS Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine**

To Downtown Houston ↑

ALS Clinic # 1801, Smith Tower	Smith Tower	Method-ist Hospi- tal
University Drive	Scurlock Tower	St. Luke's Hospital
Holcombe Blvd.	Fannin	
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Baylor College of Medicine
is proudly recognized as
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**Yadollah Harati, MD
ALS Clinic
Medical Director**



ALS Clinic Medical Director, Dr. Harati, brings a commitment and compassion to each patient he serves. Throughout his career Dr. Harati has been a champion for those with neuromuscular diseases and has conducted a number of clinical studies on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Myasthenia Gravis, diabetic neuropathies and other peripheral neuropathies.

Dr. Harati was one of several investigators in the US whose study was responsible for the only approved drug for ALS, Riluzole which is distributed under the drug name of Rilutek.

What is ALS?

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. It is a progressive disease of the nervous system which can affect individuals of every background. It is estimated that 5,600 people are diagnosed with ALS annually in the U.S.

Symptoms include muscle stiffness and weakness, and may include difficulty with speech and swallowing. Patients are diagnosed through neurological testing and studying their medical history.

Researchers are exploring the cause and

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Greater Houston Area Clinic

The Greater Houston Area ALS Clinic is located in the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Neurology in the Smith Tower, 6550 Fannin Street, Suite 1801. The clinic offers a multidisciplinary approach to treating the disease with symptomatic relief, prevention of complications, and maintenance of optimal independence. By using a qualified ALS specialty team, families have the opportunity to receive the best available medical and therapeutic care in one location. The clinic meets high quality standards and will become a certified center of the national ALS Association within one year upon completion of the accreditation process.

Greater Houston Area ALS Clinic

Team Members

- Neurologist
- Respiratory Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Clinical Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Dietician/Nutritionist
- Neuro or Psycho-Social Therapist
- Orthotist
- Assistive Technology Specialist
- Medical Equipment Specialist
- Patient Service Liaison from the
 ALS Greater Houston Chapter
- Pulmonologist and

What to expect when you visit the ALS Clinic....

- We provide a team approach to your care
- You will see the neurologist on every visit
- Other team members will address your current concerns as needed
- ALSA will be available to give support and provide information
- Refreshments will be available

What the ALS Association Greater Houston Chapter offers....

Your local ALS Association Chapter is here to help between clinic appointments. Working with patients, family members, and caregivers we provide support needed, such as:

- Educational Material
- Support Groups
- Phone Support
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loan Program
- Public Awareness
- Medical Personnel Training and Education
- Fundraising Efforts to support these programs and the growth of the chapter
- Research Funding through ALSA national
- New Programs will be introduced in the future as funding and personnel allow

The ALS Association is the only national not-for-profit voluntary health organization dedicated solely to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, often called Lou Gehrig's disease). The mission of the ALS Association is to find a cure for and improve living with ALS.