

Updates in Neuromuscular Medicine

Clinical Program

September 25-27, 2026 | Hotel Arts, Calgary, AB, Canada



FRIDAY | September 25, 2026

Located in Spectrum 4/5

4pm-5:45pm

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION

5:45pm-6pm

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

6pm-6:30pm

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

6:30pm-8:30pm

CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CASE SERIES

Chaired by Dr Collin Luk

SATURDAY | September 26, 2026

All sessions in Spectrum 1/2/3. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and breaks in Spectrum 4/5

8am-9am

BREAKFAST

9am-10:30am

UPDATES IN NEUROMUSCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS

9am: **Keynote** Dr Neelam Goyal, Stanford University.
Updates in therapy for generalized myasthenia gravis.

10am: Dr Lawrence Korngut, University of Calgary.
Therapeutic developments in facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy.

10:30am-11am

COFFEE, SNACKS, POSTERS, NETWORKING

11am-12pm

UPDATES IN NEUROMUSCULAR CLINICAL TRIALS

Keynote Dr Ruben van Eijk, Dutch Center for Neuromuscular Diseases.
Digital biomarkers in neuromuscular disease

12pm-1:30pm

LUNCH, POSTERS, NETWORKING

1:30pm-3pm

UPDATES IN GENETIC DISEASE THERAPY

1:30pm: **Keynote** Dr Natan Bar Chama, RMA New York.
Reproductive issues in spinal muscular atrophy and neuromuscular disease.

2:15pm: **Keynote** Dr Jennifer Kwon, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

New therapeutic approaches and clinical pearls in spinal muscular atrophy

3pm-3:30pm

COFFEE, SNACKS, POSTERS, NETWORKING

3:30-4:30pm

CLINICAL RESEARCH UPDATES

Clinical research platform sessions (10 minutes each)

Effectiveness and Safety of Rituximab for Autoimmune Neuromuscular Diseases in Alberta, 2012-2023: A Retrospective Cohort Study. | Dr Albert Yeung, University of Alberta.

Cystatin C Unmasks Hidden Chronic Kidney Disease Across Neuromuscular Disease Subtypes. | Noelle Mahon, University of Calgary.

Electric Impedance Tomography Measures Lung Function in ALS. | Dr Kerri Schellenberg, University of Saskatchewan.

Self-Perceived Health Exceeds Societal Valuation Across Cardiac Neuromuscular Disease: Implications for Device Therapy Decision-Making. | Dr Kathryn Albrecht, University of Calgary.

A recurrent hypomorphic variant in SLC39A8 is associated with a common, treatable cause of pediatric onset hypotonia and ataxia associated with manganese deficiency. | Dr Micheil Innes, University of Calgary.

4:30-6pm

BREAK, POSTER VIEWING

6pm-7pm

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7pm-9pm

DINNER AND GUEST SPEAKER

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE FOR NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES

9am: **Keynote** Dr Miguel Angel Rubio Perez, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Care for asymptomatic patients with ALS pathogenic variants.

9:30am: Dr Nicolas Dupre, Universite Laval.

Palliative care and MAID in ALS.

10:00am: Dr Grayson Beecher, University of Alberta.

Updates in therapy for CIDP.

10:30am-11am

COFFEE, SNACKS, POSTERS, NETWORKING

11am-1pm

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE FOR NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES

11am: Dr Marcus Povitz, University of Calgary.
Respiratory management of neuromuscular diseases.

11:30am: Dr Kate Elzinga, University of Calgary.
Surgical management of neuropathies.

12pm: Dr Eugene Krustev, University of Calgary.
Diagnosis and therapy for myositis.

12:30pm: Dr Gordon Jewett and Dr Nowell Fine.
Updates in therapy for TTR amyloidosis.

12:50pm: Concluding remarks, poster awards

1pm-2pm

LUNCH, NETWORKING, DEPARTURES