

My ALS Communication Passport to Quality Care

Nursing, medical staff and caregivers, please look at my passport before you do any interventions with me. This document will help you better understand my care needs and preferences.

My Name _____

Neurologist _____ Phone _____

Pulmonologist _____ Phone _____

If you require emergency medical attention, please call 911 to access your local emergency services.

For all other urgent medical matters and if you are seen at the Lois Insolia ALS Clinic, please call Northwestern Medicine at 312 695 7950 and ask to page the physician you'd like to speak with.



Things You Must Know About Me



These Things Are Important to Me



My Likes and Dislikes

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Things You Must Know About Me



Name

Preferred Name



Phone

Email

Address



Date of Birth



Next of Kin

Relationship

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Address



How I communicate/what language I speak



Things You Must Know About Me



My support needs and who gives me the most support



Who I live with



Religion

Religious needs

Ethnicity



Primary Care Physician

Phone

Address



Other services/professionals involved with me



Things You Must Know About Me



Allergies



Medical interventions - how to take my blood, give injections, blood pressure, etc.



Breathing/heart problems

*If I am short of breath and/or have low SpO₂, **DO NOT** give me oxygen; I may need noninvasive positive pressure (bi-level unit) ventilation to expel CO₂. Oxygen will not help and may mask respiratory failure. **My lungs are healthy; my muscles, including my diaphragm, are weak.** If oxygen is indicated, it may be bled through BIPAP.*



Risk of choking, Dysphagia (eating, drinking, and swallowing)



Current medications, vitamins and supplements



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My medical history and treatment plan



What to do if I am anxious



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How to communicate with me



How I take medication (crushed tablets, injections, syrup, etc)



How you know I am in pain



Moving around (posture in bed, walking aids, wheelchair, etc)



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Personal care (dressing, washing, etc)



Seeing/Hearing (problems with sight or hearing)



How I eat food (food cut up, risk of choking, help with eating, etc)



These Things Are Important to Me



How I drink (drink small amounts, thickened fluids, etc)



How I keep safe (bed rails, support with challenging behavior, etc)



How I use the toilet (continence aids, help to get to toilet)



Sleeping (sleep pattern/routine)



My Likes and Dislikes



Things I do like
Please do this



Things I don't like
Please don't do this



Notes



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