



APRIL 25 - 26, 2026
TORONTO



ALS
DISRUPT

AGENDA

Day 1 | Saturday, April 25

*Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre
Ambrosia Room*

5:00 - 5:45 PM

Arrival & Pre-Event Networking

5:45 - 7:00 PM

**Welcome Remarks
& Plenary Lecture**

*UNC13A restoration as a treatment for people with ALS: From
Concept to Clinic*



Pietro Fratta
Trace Neuroscience,
University College
London



Eric Green
Trace Neuroscience

7:00 - 7:30 PM

DINNER BUFFET

7:30 - 8:45 PM

**ALS Disrupt: Setting the Stage
& Elbows Up: Canadian PI rapid-fire talks**

8:45 PM+

Networking Social

Day 2 | Sunday, April 26

Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre
Ambrosia Room

MODERATORS



Michael Benatar
University of Miami



Martin Turner
Oxford University

7:00 – 8:00 AM

BREAKFAST

8:00 - 9:30 AM

Opening Presentations
+ Moderated Discussion

SESSION 1 | What is the minimum preclinical evidence to prioritise a drug for therapeutic evaluation?

Pietro Fratta, University College London
Cat Lutz, JAX Rare Disease Translational Center
Piera Pasinelli, Thomas Jefferson University
Ludo Van Den Bosch, KU Leuven

9:30 - 9:45 AM

BREAK

9:45 - 11:15 AM

Opening Presentations
+ Moderated Discussion

SESSION 2 | TDP-43: pathological cornerstone or tombstone?

Richard Robitaille, Université de Montréal
Chantelle Sephton, Université Laval
Michael Strong, Western University
Christine Vande Velde, Université de Montréal

11:15 - 12:00 PM

LUNCH

12:00 - 1:30 AM

Opening Presentations
+ Moderated Discussion

SESSION 3 | On what should we base decisions about which drugs to move from Phase 2 to 3?

Lucie Brujin, Novartis
Stephanie Fradette, Biogen
Keith Mayl, argenx
Ruben Van Eijk, University Medical Center Utrecht

1:30- 1:45 PM

BREAK

1:45 - 3:15 AM

Opening Presentations
+ Moderated Discussion

SESSION 4 | What areas of dogma in ALS research should we be discussing more constructively?

Sami Barmada, University of Michigan Medical School
Jenna Gregory, University of Aberdeen
Evangelos Kiskinis, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Rita Sattler, Barrow Neurological Institute

3:15- 3:30 PM

WRAP - UP

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