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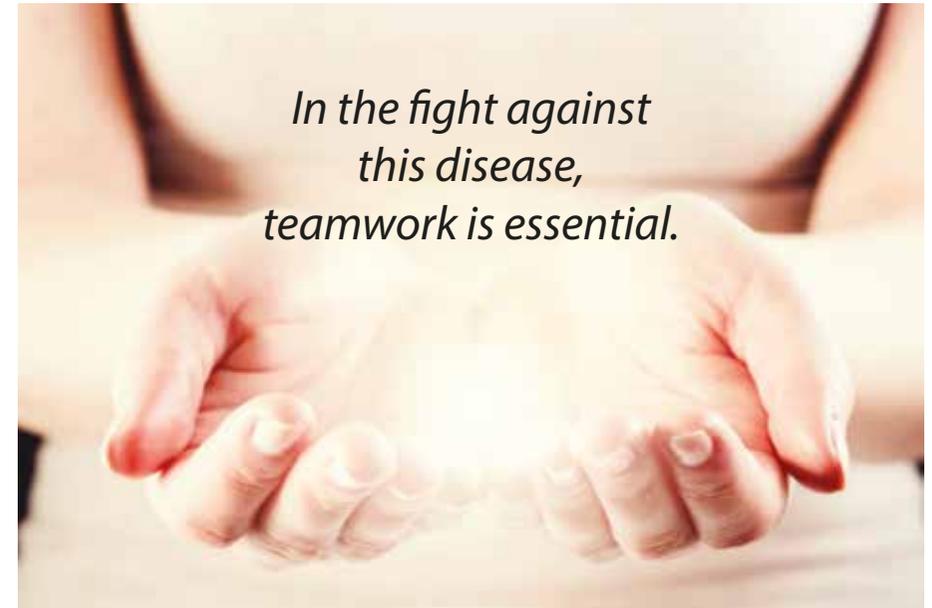
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# About us

**“conSLAncio Onlus”** is a non-profit Italian ALS Association. The organization was founded by *Andrea Zicchieri*, a native of Terracina (LT), Italy, after being diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013. He then began to collaborate with a long time childhood friend whose dear uncle also suffers from the same condition.

After being diagnosed, Andrea experienced a brief period of understandable sadness. Andrea, a lover of life, with a great passion for traveling and the sea, chose to use his limited abilities the best way he could: fighting the disease by representing an entire patient population, **giving voice to those who can no longer speak.**

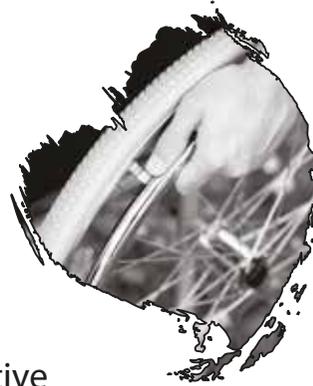


*In the fight against  
this disease,  
teamwork is essential.*



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# What is ALS



Commonly referred to as a "rare disease", ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a terrible neurodegenerative disease that **irreparably damages motor neurons, namely those that govern movement, speaking, swallowing, and breathing**. ALS gradually paralyzes the body until death while the brain remains sharp. The cause(s) of ALS are not yet known and as a result, no treatments are available to stop disease progression.

Consequently, **everyone's contribution is necessary to finance scientific research** so that we can find a cure for this horrifying disease.

In Italy, **6,000 people are affected by ALS** meaning 6,000 different dramatic stories caused by the same disease. ALS is so severe that it changes not only a person's life, but that of their family too.

# Our targets

There are two lines of intervention by Association conSLAncio:

## Improve assistance

- ♥ Urge institutions to guarantee and provide a **dignified daily lifestyle** for patients and their families.
- ♥ **Improve the standards of quality assistance** provided to people affected by ALS in Italy.
- ♥ **Simplify the bureaucratic procedures** for accessing all forms of assistance.
- ♥ Homogenize care services nationwide.

## Help in finding cures

- ♥ Aware of complex ALS pathology, conSLAncio engages continuously **with institutions and the scientific community** to facilitate efforts to assess clinical trial efficacy of developmental therapies and accelerate the approval process.
- ♥ Inform the Italian ALS community of **the latest information and current international clinical trials**.

# Our office in Boston



Association conSLAncio Onlus expanded its platform to North America in January 2017 with the opening of **our first international office in Boston, MA, USA.**

This milestone was made possible thanks to the tremendous efforts of our Chief of International Relations, *Mr. Silverio Conte*. Our presence abroad has enabled us to establish relations with some of the world's best ALS specialists and organizations, towards collaborating in assisting patients and their families with the latest research advancements.



For enquiries, and partnerships, our Boston office can be reached at:  
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All proceeds are used to support our projects (initiatives, research, conferences, etc.) and to help patients in financial difficulty with care expenses.

\*All donations are tax deductible.

*Each contribution has fundamental importance for us, so thank you for your availability and generosity.*

***Thank you so much!***



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