

Advocacy Across Life: session 2

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Potential conflicts of Interest

- I am on the Board of AL-S Phama that is developing an anti-misfolded SOD1 monoclonal antibody - I have no shares or options.

Key Messages

- Open science as a game changer in neurology:
- The urgent need for more effective and more rapid identification of new disease-altering treatments to accelerate discovery and translation in neurology.
- One solution is to share information, data, reagents freely and in a timely manner. We must also engage our patients and the public so they can contribute to bringing about this much-needed change.
- A real life example: in 2016 the Neuro became the first neuroscience institution to define and adopt detailed open science principles.
- Our advocacy action plan includes: informing the public via the press, social media; reaching out to physicians and scientists through scientific publications and scientific meetings; involving patients through our clinic and through disease associations; recruiting people of influence such as major philanthropists; convincing the government, through meetings and conferences, to adopt open science policies.

Learning Objectives

- An understanding of the process of moving from an urgent need to a practical advocacy plan.
- The ability to advocate for the inclusion of open science principles in other institutions.