

27th Annual NMSG Scientific Meeting

September 25-27, 2026 The Historic Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
 WORKING AGENDA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Time	Event / Session WIFI - Remember The Alamo!	Location
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting Lunch	Cavalier Room
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Clinical Trial Breakout	Renaissance Room
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	CRC Meeting	Renaissance Room
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Main Lobby

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Time	Event / Presentation	Location
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast - ALS Military Meeting	Cavalier
WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	State of the NMSG Richard J. Barohn, M.D., University of Missouri, NMSG Board Chair Professor Michael Hanna, M.D., University College London, NMSG Board Co-Chair	Grand Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Today's Agenda Natalie Katz, MD, Duke, NMSG Planning Committee Co-Chair Matt Wicklund, M.D., University of Texas Health/San Antonio, NMSG Planning Committee Co-Chair	Grand Ballroom
SESSION ONE	GENETIC THERAPEUTICS Moderators Natalie Katz and Valeria Sansone	Grand Ballroom
8:50 a.m.	Triumphs, Trials, and Future Considerations in Genetic Therapies for Hereditary Neuromuscular Diseases David	Grand Ballroom

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	Arnold, M.D., University of Missouri	
9:15 a.m.	Update on Congenital Myopathies in the Genomic Era: From (Rapid) Diagnosis to Trial Readiness Anna Sarkozy, M.D., Dubowitz Neuromuscular Center, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children	Grand Ballroom
9:40 a.m.	Spinal Muscular Atrophy: A Journey from Fatal Disease to Fetal Therapy Richard Finkel, M.D., St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Grand Ballroom
10:05 a.m.	Merging Concepts in Biomarkers and Therapeutics for ALS Andrea Malaspina, Ph.D., FRCP, University College London	Grand Ballroom
10:30 a.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION TWO	BIOMARKERS Moderators: David Arnold and Matthew Birkbeck	Grand Ballroom
10:55 a.m.	Biomarkers in Myasthenia Gravis Pushpa Narayanaswami, M.D., Harvard Medical School	Grand Ballroom
11:20 a.m.	Clinical and Genetic Heterogeneity in Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy: Implications for Biomarkers and Trials Enrico Bugiardini, M.D., Ph.D., University College London	Grand Ballroom
11:45 a.m.	Peripheral Immune Activation Reflecting CNS Barrier Dysfunction in ALS Robert Bowser, Ph.D., Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	Grand Ballroom
12:10 p.m.	Biomarkers in Myotonic Dystrophy Nicholas E. Johnson, M.D., M.Sci., FAAN, Virginia Commonwealth University	Grand Ballroom

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
SESSION THREE	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS Moderators James Lileker and Karen Suetterlin	Grand Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	<i>"Multilevel Neurophysiologic Assessment of Cortical and Peripheral Motor System Dysfunction in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis"</i> - Arsh Ketabforoush, MD, University of Missouri	Grand Ballroom
1:45 p.m.	<i>"Clinical Outcomes and Safety of Nucleoside Therapy for Thymidine Kinase 2 Deficiency in a Brazilian Cohort"</i> - Cristiane Araujo Martins Moreno, M.D., Ph.D, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil	Grand Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	<i>"Longitudinal assessment of motor function in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in a pediatric cohort: development of Italian centile curves for the North Star Ambulatory Assessment, 10-Meter Walk/Run Velocity and Rise from Floor Velocity"</i> - Sophia Paolucci, TNPEE, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS	Grand Ballroom
2:15 p.m.	<i>"Neuromuscular junction failure in sarcopenia is linked to NaV1.4 loss and reversed by CIC-1 inhibition"</i> - Hiroshi Nishimune	Grand Ballroom
2:30 p.m.	<i>"Real-World Givinostat Tolerability and Dose Modification in Nonambulatory Males with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy"</i> - Abigail B. Crowner, PharmD, MPH, University of Iowa Health Care	Grand Ballroom
2:45 p.m.	<i>"Lysosome Remodeling in CMT1A Neuropathy: Pathogenic Mechanism or Compensatory Response?"</i> - Abigail	Grand Ballroom

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	Chischolm, M.S., University of Missouri, Columbia	
2:52 p.m.	<i>"Manifesting dystrophinopathy in a girl with Williams-Beuren syndrome: a dual molecular diagnosis supported by skewed X-inactivation"</i> - Wiktoria Błachut, medical student, Jagiellonian University Medical College, Cracow, Poland	Grand Ballroom
3:00 p.m.	<i>"Near infrared spectroscopy during non-ischaemic handgrip exercise reveals distinct muscle oxygenation signatures in mitochondrial disease and sarcopenia"</i> - Helen Devine, Newcastle University	Grand Ballroom
3:07 p.m.	<i>"Retrospective Analysis of MG-ADL Data Outcomes Following Zilucoplan Treatment in Myasthenia Gravis"</i> - Carson Barnard, M.D., University of Kansas Medical Center	Grand Ballroom
3:12 p.m.	"TDP-43 pathology induces CD8 T cell activation through cryptic epitope recognition" - Matteo Zanovello, MD PhD, UCL	Grand Ballroom
3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION FOUR	EARLY INVESTIGATORS WORKSHOP Sponsored by argenx Moderator: Matthew Birkbeck	Grand Ballroom
3:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Moderator: Matthew Birkbeck Mentors: Gita Ramdharry, Ph.D., Karen Suetterlin, MBBS, MRCP, Ph.D., David Arnold, M.D., Jasper Morrow, MBChB, Ph.D., Abdus S. Wahed, Ph.D., Margaret DukuBeer, Wine, tea, coffee	Grand Ballroom
EVENING ACTIVITIES		
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Poster Presentations	Minuet and Patio Rooms
7:15 p.m.	Group Picture	Victorian Lobby

Time	Event / Presentation	Location
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	The Crockett Hotel
9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	Reception	The Menger Bar

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

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Time	Event / Presentation	Location
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Journal Breakfast - Cavalier Room 20 ppl	Cavalier
WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
8:00 a.m.	State of the NMSG Dr. Richard J. Barohn and Professor Michael Hanna	Grand Ballroom
8:15 a.m.	Today's Agenda Dr. Miriam Freimer and Dr. Matt Wicklund	Grand Ballroom
8:20 a.m.	Robert C. Griggs Keynote Lecture "What exactly are we estimating in a randomized, controlled clinical trial?" Professor Michael McDermott, Ph.D., University of Rochester	Grand Ballroom
9:10 a.m.	NMSG Fellowship Sophie Rengarajan, M.D., Ph.D., UCLA Medical Center	Grand Ballroom
9:25 a.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION FIVE	GENETIC THERAPEUTICS Moderator Matt Wicklund and John Vissing	Grand Ballroom
9:45 a.m.	Genetic Nerve Diseases Across the Lifespan/CMT Michael Shy, M.D., University of Iowa	Grand Ballroom

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10:10 a.m.	CAR-T Cell Therapy in MG Ali Habib, M.D., UCI Health	Grand Ballroom
10:35 a.m.	Precision Diagnostics and Targeted Therapies in Primary Mitochondrial Diseases Professor Robert Pitceathly, MBChB, Ph.D., University College London	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Committee Meeting for Endowment possibility	Patio Room
11:25 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	LunchBEO	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
SESSION SIX	TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS Moderator: Gita Ramdharry and Megan Iammarino	Grand Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Mechanisms of Cell Clearance: Pathways to Precision Therapy in ALS Smita Saxena, Ph.D., University of Missouri	Grand Ballroom
12:55 p.m.	Spinal Cord Stimulation in Spinal Muscular Atrophy Marco Capogrosso, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh	Grand Ballroom
1:20 p.m.	Psychometric Testing of Functional Outcome Measures Katy Eichinger, Ph.D., DPT, University of Rochester	Grand Ballroom
1:45 p.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS	Moderators Matt Wicklund and Vito Vivekanandam	Grand Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Catalyst	Grand Ballroom
2:25 p.m.	Johnson & Johnson	Grand Ballroom
2:50 p.m.	UCB	Grand Ballroom
3:15 p.m.	MLBIO	Grand Ballroom
3:40 p.m.	argenx	Grand Ballroom
4:05 p.m.	Sanofi	Grand Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	Sarepta	Grand Ballroom

Time	Event / Presentation	Location
4:55 p.m.	Scholar Rock	Grand Ballroom
5:20 p.m.	VOR	Grand Ballroom
5:45 p.m.	Pepgen	Grand Ballroom
EVENING ACTIVITIES		
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	The Buckhorn Saloon
9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	Reception and Dancing	The Buckhorn Saloon

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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Time	Event / Presentation	Location
WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
8:30 a.m.	State of the NMSG Dr. Richard J. Barohn and Professor Michael Hanna	Grand Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Today's Agenda Dr. Natalie Katz and Dr. Matt Wicklund	Grand Ballroom
SESSION SEVEN	SHARK TANKSponsored by Alexion(Alexion speaks for 3 min at beginning)ModeratorJames Lilleker	Grand Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	2025 Shark Tank Winner Update Grace McMacken, MBBCh, Ph.D., Queen's University Belfast	Grand Ballroom
9:20 a.m.	Introduction of Sharks Moderator: James Lilleker, MBChB, MRCP, Ph.D.Sharks: Jasper Morrow, MBChB, Ph.D.,	Grand Ballroom

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	TBDPaloma Gonzalez Perez, MD, PhD	
9:30 a.m.	Shark Tank Presentations	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION EIGHT	THE CLINIC AND BEYOND Moderators Jacqueline Montes and Nicholas Streicher	Grand Ballroom
11:15 a.m.	Advancing Our Knowledge of Clinical Phenotypes Using Standardized Outcome AssessmentsMegan Iammarino, DPT, University of Texas/San Antonio	Grand Ballroom
11:40 a.m.	Dysphagia in Myotonic Dystrophy Type 1: A Multidimensional Profile and Practical Approach for the Neuromuscular Clinician Jodi Allen, Ph.D., University College London	Grand Ballroom
12:05 p.m.	Adaptive and Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trials in Neuromuscular Diseases Abdus S. Wahed, Ph.D., University of Rochester	Grand Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Announce Shark Tank Winner	Grand Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Colonial and Minuet Rooms

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End of Conference