

27th Annual NMSG Scientific Meeting

September 25-27, 2026The Historic Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

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Time	Event/Session	Location
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 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.	ERC Meeting - Cancelled	Renaissance Room
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Main Lobby

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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.	Breakfast - ALS Military Meeting	Cavalier
WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	State of the NMSGRichard J. Barohn, M.D., University of Missouri, NMSG Board ChairProfessor Michael Hanna, M.D., University College London, NMSG Board Co-Chair	Grand Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Today's AgendaNatalie Katz, MD, Duke, NMSG Planning Committee Co-ChairMatt Wicklund, M.D., University of Texas Health/San Antonio,	Grand Ballroom

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	NMSG Planning Committee Co-Chair	
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 Andrea Sierra Delgado, M.D., University of Missouri	Grand Ballroom
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 Matthew Birkbeck, PhD Newcastle University and Andrea Sierra Delgado, M.D., University of Missouri	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	Grand Ballroom

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	Dysfunction in ALSRobert Bowser, Ph.D., Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center	
12:10 p.m.	Biomarkers in Myotonic DystrophyNicholas E. Johnson, M.D., M.Sci., FAAN, Virginia Commonwealth University	Grand Ballroom
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
SESSION THREE	ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONSModeratorsJames Lilleker 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"</i>	Grand Ballroom

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	<i>Males with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy</i> " - Abigail B. Crowner, PharmD, MPH, University of Iowa Health Care	
2:45 p.m.	<i>"Lysosome Remodeling in CMT1A Neuropathy: Pathogenic Mechanism or Compensatory Response?"</i> - Abigail Chischolm, M.S., University of Missouri, Columbia	Grand Ballroom
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.	<i>"Dose-Finding Safety and Tolerability Study of Clenbuterol in Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD)"</i> - Rebecca Clay, CCRP, University of Kansas Medical Center	Grand Ballroom
3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION FOUR	EMERGING INVESTIGATORS WORKSHOP Sponsored by argenx Moderator Matthew Birkbeck, PhD, Newcastle University	Grand Ballroom
3:40 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Moderator: Matthew Birkbeck, PhD, Newcastle University Mentors: Gita Ramdharry, Ph.D., Karen Suetterlin, MBBS,	Grand Ballroom

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	MRCP, Ph.D., David Arnold, M.D., Jasper Morrow, MBChB, Ph.D., Abdus S. Wahed, Ph.D., Margaret Duku	
EVENING ACTIVITIES		
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Poster Presentations	Minuet and Patio Rooms
7:15 p.m.	Group Picture	Victorian Lobby
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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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	Cavalier
WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
8:00 a.m.	State of the NMSGDr. Richard J. Barohn and Professor Michael Hanna	Grand Ballroom
8:15 a.m.	Today's AgendaDr. 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	Grand Ballroom

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	McDermott, Ph.D., University of Rochester	
9:10 a.m.	NMSG Fellowship Update 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
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	Grant Room
11:25 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
SESSION SIX	TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS Moderator Git a 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

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1:45 p.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS	ModeratorsMatt Wicklund and Miriam Freimer	Grand Ballroom
2:00 p.m.	Catalyst - <i>Vamorolone, a Delta-9,11 Corticosteroid: Exploring the Structural-Activity Relationship</i> - Keri Kasun, PharmDSr Medical Science Liaison- Rare Neuromuscular Disease	Grand Ballroom
2:25 p.m.	Johson & Johnson - Pregnancy Enhanced Tracking with Neonatal and Infant Assessment (PETUNIA): Design of a Safety Study for Nipocalimab in Generalized Myasthenia Gravis - Ashley Anderson, Associate Medical Director, Autoantibody, Johnson & Johnson	Grand Ballroom
2:50 p.m.	UCB - Understanding FcRn Biology, Treatment Durability, Steroid-Sparing Evidence, and Albumin Considerations in gMG - Amanda Hernandez, MD, PhDAssistant Professor of Neurology, Chief of Neuromuscular Medicine, Farmington, CT	Grand Ballroom
3:15 p.m.	MLBIO - LGMD2I/R9 (FKRP-related)—Disease Overview and Interim Results from the FORTIFY Phase 3 Study, Douglas Sproule, MD, MSc	Grand Ballroom
3:40 p.m.	argenx - - From strength to function: Understanding the clinical relevance of grip strength in CIDP and MMN - - Dr. Allison Crowell - General Neurologist, Clinical NeurophysiologyPenn	Grand Ballroom

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	Medicine Lancaster General Hospital	
4:05 p.m.	Sanofi - Riliprubart Phase 2 data and Phase 3 trial design. - Asif Paker, MD, MPH	Grand Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	Sarepta - Advancing Genetic Medicine Research for Rare Neuromuscular and Central Nervous System Diseases - Elisabeth McGee, APRN (Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.)	Grand Ballroom
4:55 p.m.	Scholar Rock - Going Beyond the Motor Neuron to the Muscle: Expanding the Focus of SMA Care - Natalie Katz, MD, PhD - Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Neurology) - Co-Director, Duke Children's Neuromuscular Program	Grand Ballroom
5:20 p.m.	Vor Bio - Our Investigational BAFF/APRIL Inhibitor: Evaluating Telitacicept in Generalized Myasthenia Gravis and Beyond - Nolan Campbell, PhD - Medical Director - Myasthenia Gravis	Grand Ballroom
5:45 p.m.	Pepgen - FREEDOM2-DM1: Interim results of a multiple-ascending dose clinical trial of PGN-EDODM1 in people with myotonic dystrophy type 1 - Paul Streck, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President, Head of Research & Development, 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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WELCOME		Grand Ballroom
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Colonial and Minuet Rooms
8:30 a.m.	State of the NMSGDr. Richard J. Barohn and Professor Michael Hanna	Grand Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Today's AgendaDr. Natalie Katz and Dr. Matt Wicklund	Grand Ballroom
SESSION SEVEN	SHARK TANKSponsored by Alexion Francesco Sacca', MD, FAAN Senior Medical Director, GMA Rare Neurology Alexion Pharmaceuticals ModeratorJames Lilleker	Grand Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	2025 Shark Tank Winner UpdateGrace McMacken, MBCh, Ph.D., Queen's University Belfast	Grand Ballroom
9:20 a.m.	Introduction of SharksModerator: James Lilleker, MBChB, MRCP, Ph.D.Sharks: Jasper Morrow, MBChB, Ph.D., TBDPaloma Gonzalez Perez, MD, PhD	Grand Ballroom
9:30 a.m.	Shark Tank Presentations	Grand Ballroom
11:00 a.m.	Break	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function
SESSION EIGHT	THE CLINIC AND BEYONDModeratorsJacqueline 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

Time	Event / Presentation	Location
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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