



**The ALS Network**, then ALS Golden West, fueled research innovations, advancements in drug development and clinical trials, and new collaborations designed to accelerate the pace of discovery in the search for effective prevention strategies, treatments, and cures for ALS.



The ALS Network **hosted the 13th annual California ALS Research Summit**, bringing together world-renowned researchers, investigators, clinicians, biotech companies, government representatives, and advocates in ALS and related fields. The purpose of the Summit is to drive new ideas and foster networking, collaboration, and cooperation to accelerate progress towards effective treatments, prevention strategies, and cures.



**The FDA announced their approval of Qalsody (tofersen)** on April 25, 2023, as a new prescription therapy for the treatment of people with rare SOD1-ALS. The ALS Network worked closely with our 2020 Commitment to Cures honoree, Biogen, and many of our families to provide direct feedback and personal stories that ultimately helped contribute to this outcome.



The ALS Network presented **ASK ME educational presentations** focused on **research and scientific advancement**. Topics included highlights on ALS research and care in 2023 and new ALS treatments and therapies.



We celebrated the extraordinary efforts of our 2014 Essey Award honorees - ALS Network Advisory Trustee, Richard Smith, MD; Frank Bennett, PhD; and Don W. Cleveland, PhD - and their commitment to the **development of antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) therapies, which led to the FDA approval of Qalsody as a treatment for ALS.**



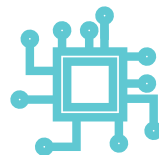
**To promote access to research opportunities, the ALS Network increased outreach and communications about clinical trials** available for people living with ALS. This was achieved through monthly support group emails, e-Newsletters, website and social media features, and concierge care management services.



**Increased outreach with The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** by featuring CDC representatives at the California ALS Research Summit, Hawaii Walk Kick-Off and other community outreach events.



The ALS Network **hosted the 6th annual Barber ALS Research Awards** and presented three cash awards of \$1,000 each to the top poster presenters at the California ALS Research Summit. These awards recognize and bolster early-career researchers, in tribute to Jim Barber, one of the founding members of the ALS Research Network.



Supported by **Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma America, CNS, and Cytokinetics**, our **Industry Partner Consortium** remained focused on supporting the ALS community, scientific discovery, collaboration, and investment in therapies for neurodegenerative diseases, including ALS.

**Your support makes a difference. It is only together that we will end ALS.**