

ALS Research Newsletter

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Letter from Dr. Benatar

Dear Friends and Supporters of ARC,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to let you know that my research group and I will be relocating to the University of Miami (UM) later this year. I have been offered an endowed chair in ALS research and will also assume directorship of the neuromuscular program at UM, which includes a large multi-disciplinary ALS clinic. My move to UM is scheduled for mid-November. I am happy to report that the agencies that fund our research are supportive of the move and will continue to sponsor our ongoing studies. I feel particularly fortunate that Sue, Debbie and Margaret will continue as the team that you have come to know and love. This really is a wonderful opportunity for the ARC to grow and to reach new heights, with your help of course.

I know that you have enjoyed your visits to Emory. We will work hard to replicate the experience in sunny Florida. While we anticipate some down time as we make the transition over the next 3-4 months, you will still be able to reach us at our current phone numbers and email addresses. We will also send you our new contact information at UM as soon as it is available. While it may sometimes take us a little longer to respond to non-urgent matters during this transition period, we are making every effort to minimize the disruption. We hope to be fully operational in our new home at UM in early 2011. We appreciate your patience, understanding and support and look forward to welcoming you to Miami soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Benatar".

Michael Benatar

Updates:

- 120 subjects enrolled in Pre-fALS with 42 participating in the longitudinal cohort.
- 21 subjects enrolled in Arimoclomol.
- The dose of Arimoclomol was doubled in May.
- 370 families in our database of families affected by fALS.

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- Both the University of Miami and its Miller School of Medicine ranked among the top 50 in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2011 lists of "America's Best Colleges" and "America's Best Graduate Schools", making UM the top-ranked school in Florida.
- UM ranked #12 in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding in 2007.
- American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) puts UM in the top 10% of schools with the most growth in recent years.
- UM is easily accessible from both the Fort Lauderdale and Miami airports.
- The average high temperature in January is 76°F.



The ARC team takes a break from planning the move.

fALSsupport

Join the online support group for fALS families:

<http://groups.google.com/group/fALSsupport>

Links:

- www.alsa.org
- www.mda.org
- www.clinicaltrials.gov
- www.patientslikeme.com