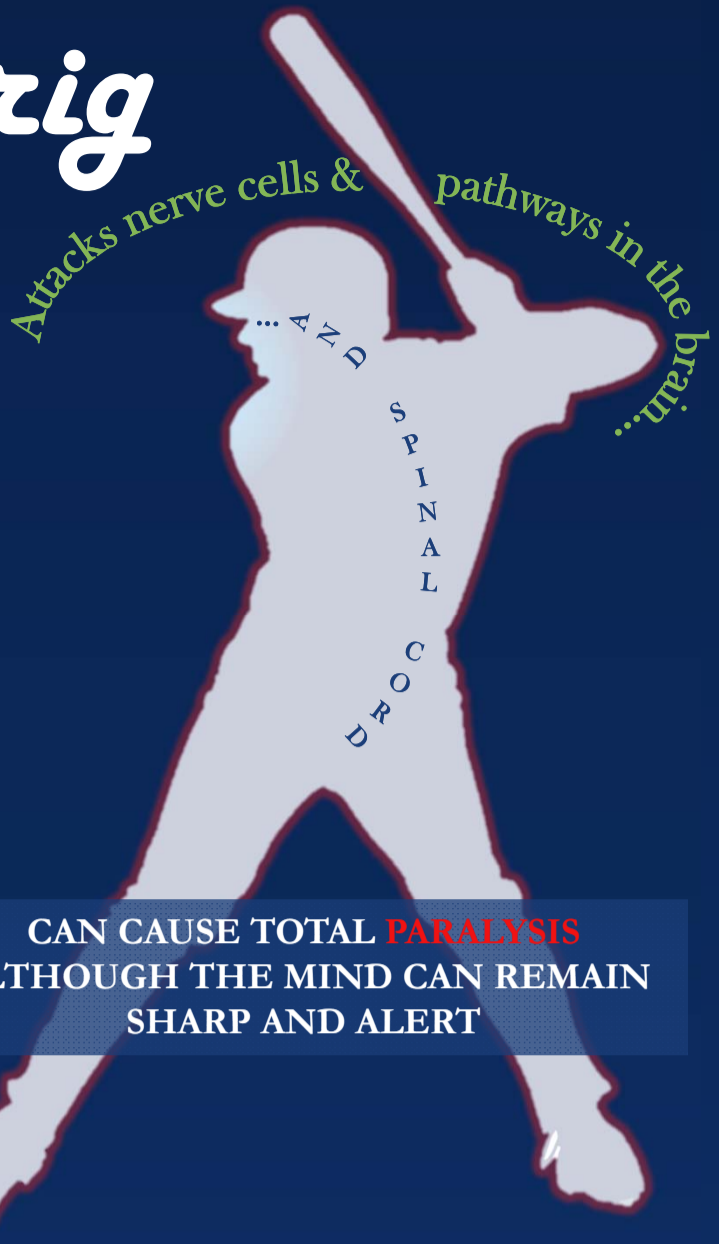


GETTING TO KNOW

Lou Gehrig

Lou Gehrig was a famous baseball player who quit playing when diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 1939. Now the progressive neurodegenerative disease is commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.



CAN CAUSE TOTAL PARALYSIS ALTHOUGH THE MIND CAN REMAIN SHARP AND ALERT

EVERY DAY

15



are diagnosed



EVERY YEAR

5,600



are diagnosed



TOTAL

Americans

30,000



affected

ALS knows no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic BOUNDARIES

FROM DIAGNOSIS, % WHO LIVE...

≥3 YEARS 10%

≥5 YEARS 20%

>10 YEARS 50%

WHAT DOES LOU GEHRIG LOOK LIKE?



40-75 YEARS OF AGE

majority are >60 years



MALE

more common in men than women



RARE

only 2 people per 100,000 diagnosed per year



SYMPTOMS

Twitching/cramping muscles, especially in hands and feet
Loss of motor control in hands and arms Impaired use of arms and legs Weakness and fatigue Tripping and falling Dropping things Uncontrollable periods of laughing/crying Slurred or thick speech and difficulty projecting voice

