The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) for MND

Core Team



Neurologist

- Assessment and management may include (applies to all other professions too)
- Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing
- Muscle problems eg stiffness, cramps (or GP for medication)
- Saliva problems (or GP for medication)
- Information and support needs



Specialist Nurse

- ✓ Pain and other symptoms
- ✓ Information and support needs
- ✓ Oversight of all assessment areas



Physiotherapist

- Muscle problems eg stiffness, cramps
- Physical function including activities of daily living
- ✓ Cough effectiveness
- Respiratory function and symptoms



Respiratory Physiologist

- Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing
- ✓ Speech and communication
- Respiratory function and symptoms



Dietitian

 Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing



Speech & language therapist

- Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing
- ✓ Saliva problems
- ✓ Speech and communication



Occupational Therapist

- Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing
- Muscle problems eg stiffness, cramps
- Physical function including activities of daily living
- Speech and communication (to ensure systems can integrate)
- ✓ Cognition and behaviour



Palliative care expert

- Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing
- Muscle problems eg stiffness, cramps
- Saliva problems
- ✓ End of life needs







The core MDT should have prompt access to:



Clinical psychology and neuropsychology

- Cognition and behaviour
- Psychological support needs

Social care

- Physical function including activities of daily living
- Social care needs
- Family and carer needs/carer assessment

Counselling

Psychological support needs

Respiratory ventilation service

Nocturnal oximetry/capnography

Specialist palliative care

• End of life needs

Gastroenterology

 Weight, diet nutritional intake, feeding and swallowing

Orthotics

 Physical function including activities of daily living

Wheelchair services

- Physical function including activities of daily living
- Speech and communication (to ensure systems can integrate)

Assistive technology services

- Physical function including activities of daily living
- Speech and communication

Community neurological care teams

Coordinated care (outside of clinic)

Patient information, support needs and advance care planning are the responsibility of the whole team.