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Dear San Francisco Neurological Society Members:

I am writing to let you know about a very important project being conducted in and around Los Angeles and the greater Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano): the ALS Registry Surveillance Project.

This project forms part of a national effort to compile incidence and prevalence data on ALS, better describe the demographic characteristics of this disease, and ensure completeness of the National ALS Registry. As you all know, both our patients with ALS and those of us who treat it need more data to fight this disease. By joining in this effort we will all be better equipped to treat our patients.

Please take a moment to evaluate if your practice has made the diagnosis of ALS at any time during the three year period from 2009 through the end of 2011. Any patients who have been given this diagnosis should be reported to the ALS Surveillance Project, and the costs of doing so are deferred at the rate of 100 dollars per case. Please encourage your colleagues to do the same.

The process is easy and will greatly add to a much needed knowledge base.

In every way the ALS Surveillance Project is in the spirit of education and best patient care which this society hopes to foster, and we therefore offer our highest endorsement of these efforts.

For questions, please contact Susan Paulukonis, California Department of Health Services, Metropolitan Area ALS Surveillance Project at [\(510\) 620-3667](tel:5106203667).

Sincerely,

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