

Bartlett Challenges TMA to Give Power to Its Purpose



Former US Congressmen and former Mayor of Dallas Steve Bartlett served as the opening Keynote Speaker at MyoCon: TMA's Global Myositis Patient Conference in Dallas. Bartlett, who was introduced by Mindy Henderson, Vice President of Disability Outreach and Empowerment at the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), was principally responsible for the passage 35 years ago of the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA).

In the hour plus of his address, including taking questions from the packed auditorium at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, it became obvious how Bartlett, in eight short years as a member of the US House of Representatives, passed 18 significant pieces of legislation including the ADA, the civil rights law for those with disabilities. He not only discussed clearly and entertainingly how to use the power of purpose to achieve great objectives, he embodied a formidable purposeful power.

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October 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM ET / 6:00 PM CEST

Clinical trials are conducted to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and outcomes of medical interventions to ensure that treatments brought to market are based on robust evidence and provide benefits to patients. This session will explore lessons from



history (both good and bad), global standards for clinical studies, the drug development process, and what it means to be a participant in a clinical study. Thank you to our webinar sponsor AstraZeneca.

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Ask the Expert with Elie Naddaf, MD

October 23, 2025, at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET

Join us for an exclusive, interactive session with neurologist Elie Naddaf, MD, a Mayo Clinic specialist in neuromuscular diseases and current member of TMA's Medical Advisory Board. In this edition of our Ask the Expert series—designed to give the myositis community direct access to leading voices in diagnosis, treatment, research, and disease management—you'll get to submit your questions and gain insights straight from a trusted authority in the field.

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Ask the Expert French Edition

November 4, 2025, at 6 PM CET | 12:00 pm ET

Joignez-vous à nous pour une séance dynamique et informative destinée aux personnes francophones touchées par la myosite, aux proches aidants et aux professionnels. Valérie LeClair, MD et Fiona Ratkoff, défenseures et spécialistes expérimentées, partageront des stratégies pratiques, répondront à vos questions et discuteront des moyens d'accéder aux soins, au soutien et aux ressources dans les communautés francophones. Que vous veniez de recevoir un diagnostic ou que vous naviguiez dans un établissement de soins de longue durée, cette séance offre un espace accueillant pour acquérir des connaissances et établir des liens avec d'autres personnes qui comprennent le parcours. Q&R en direct inclus. L'inscription est gratuite. Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant pour réserver votre place!

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Ask the Expert featuring Dr. Suur Biliciler

November 5, 2025, at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET

Join us for an informative and supportive Ask the Expert webinar featuring Dr. Suur Biliciler, a specialist in neuromuscular disorders and myositis care. This session will explore key aspects of diagnosis, treatment options, and symptom management for individuals affected by myositis.



Dr. Biliciler will share her clinical insights and answer audience questions in real time making this an excellent opportunity to learn from an expert and engage directly on topics that matter most to you. Registration is free and open to patients, caregivers, and clinicians. Register now to reserve your spot!

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Ask the Expert Speech-Language Pathology Edition December 11, 2025, at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET

Join TMA for an interactive, Ask the Expert Q&A with Dr. Kendrea Garand, a board-certified specialist in swallowing and speech-language pathology.

This session will focus entirely on your questions about speech, voice, and swallowing challenges in myositis—how to recognize them, when to ask for an evaluation, and practical tips that help you eat, drink, and communicate more safely and confidently.

Bring your questions live or submit them in advance when you register.

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