

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**ALS Drug Study**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	CAN A STEP BACKWARD ALSO BE A STEP FORWARD? RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN TESTING THE EFFECT OF A GROWTH HORMONE IN PATIENTS WITH A-L-S OR LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE. A-L-S IS A NEURO-MUSCULAR DISORDER THAT RESULTS IN PROGRESSIVE WEAKNESS AND DETERIORATION OF MUSCLE FUNCTION.
<b>Eric Sorenson, M.D.</b>	"THE STUDY SHOWED THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE RATE OF PROGRESSION OF THEIR WEAKNESS, THEIR FUNCTIONAL DETERIORATION OR IN THEIR SURVIVAL."

	<p>DR. ERIC SORENSON IS A MAYO CLINIC NEUROLOGIST WHO LED THE RESEARCH TEAM. HE SAYS STUDIES THAT SHOW SOMETHING DOESN'T WORK CAN STILL BE VERY BENEFICIAL.</p>
<p><b>Dr. Sorenson</b></p>	<p>“EVEN IF IT SHOWS IT'S NOT HELPFUL, AT LEAST WE CAN CONVINCING THE ALS PATIENTS THAT THE DRUGS REALLY DON'T WORK AND THAT THEY'RE WASTING THEIR TIME AND EFFORT BY CHASING DOWN EXPENSIVE, UNHELPFUL AND SOMETIMES RISKY TREATMENTS.”</p>
	<p>EACH YEAR ABOUT 5-THOUSAND AMERICANS ARE NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH A-L-S</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>