

**Mike Michaelis** is the founder and president of The OMSLife Foundation. His passion for OMAS began in 2009 when his oldest granddaughter, Alexa, was diagnosed with OMAS. Since then his focus has been to build a world-wide support network for patients and caregivers, raise awareness of OMAS, and raise funds for research. Mike is a retired IT executive for a Fortune 500 company who started his own company in business process and project management

Mike's credentials also include development of the OMS Patient Reported Natural History Study. This collection of fifteen surveys was funded via a grant from NORD and FDA. We currently have over 380 contributors to the registry. However, Mike's passion continues to be connecting patients with the best care providers available. He has been fortunate to meet over 200 OMAS patients and their families, and dozens of OMAS specialists and researchers from around the world. Mike and his wife Pam live in Houston, Texas.

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