

What is Parkinson's Disease?

Understanding Parkinson's disease and how it may affect you.

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive nervous system disorder that causes a depletion of dopamine, the chemical that coordinates movement.

At this time, there is no cure for Parkinson's, but medications can help with symptoms and improve a patient's overall quality of life.

In the early stages of the disease, someone diagnosed with Parkinson's may show limited facial expressions, and their arms may not swing when they walk. Their speech may change, slowing or slurring.

Did you know?*

- Approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease each year.
- More than 10 million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease.
- The risk of Parkinson's disease increases with age with most people developing symptoms around 60 years old.
- Men are 1.5 times more likely to have Parkinson's disease than women.

For more information on Parkinson's disease and how CorsoCare can support you, call us at 248-438-8535.



Myth or Fact?

Myth: Parkinson's only causes tremors.

Fact: Though tremors, stiffness and slowness are a reality of Parkinson's disease, that's not the only symptoms patients experience. Some additional symptoms include impaired sense of smell, fatigue and changes in sleep, constipation, pain in limbs, anxiety, depression, and more.

Myth: If someone with Parkinson's looks good, then they also feel good.

Fact: Symptoms of Parkinson's disease can fluctuate throughout the day and not all of them are visible. The symptoms that are not related to mobility and motor function can impact patients' daily lives the most.

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