Parkinson Disease

PD is a chronic and progressive movement disorder due to a loss of dopamine in the brain. With no cure, the goal of treatment is to alleviate symptoms, prevent injury and improve quality of life.

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Providing hope, community, support, and resources for people with Parkinson’s and their loved ones.

about
1 in 100
AMERICANS OVER
AGE 60 AFFECTED

1million+
PEOPLE IN THE US
WITH PARKINSON DISEASE

60
AVERAGE AGE
OF ONSET

more than those
diagnosed with
Multiple Sclerosis, ALS,
and Muscular Dystrophy

NUMBER OF DIAGNOSED
EXPECTED TO DOUBLE BY

2040

20,000+
PEOPLE IN WISCONSIN
LIVING WITH PARKINSON DISEASE
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

WPA supplies important information about PD and provides referrals to health professionals of all kinds, assisted living communities, support groups and more.

VOLUNTEER

Individuals, family members and medical professionals all make great volunteers. We need people who can facilitate support groups, share their knowledge at conferences, workshops and support groups, coordinate fundraising events, and provide support and guidance for those who are newly diagnosed.

DONATE

WPA is a 501c3 nonprofit, funded through donor support. Your tax-deductible gift helps us to provide information, education, and referrals, coordinate support and exercise groups, and raise awareness of this disorder. As an independent organization, your donations stay here in our community.

LEARN AND PARTICIPATE

Visit wiparkinson.org to join our mailing list. You will receive notifications of support group meetings in your area, educational programs, The Network, our quarterly magazine, and our monthly e-newsletter.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WPA works with over 125 support and exercise groups for people with PD and their caregivers in cities across Wisconsin and the surrounding states. Groups provide much needed peer-to-peer support. Meeting options include fitness sessions and classes, discussion groups, educational speakers, updates on medical research, and strategies from experts for living healthier, fuller lives.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Caregivers often put the needs of the person they're caring for ahead of their own. WPA has resources available to people caring for a loved one with PD.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

We work to educate people with PD and the public through community-based programs and health fairs. These workshops include half-day events around the state, as well as our annual full day symposium. We also have a role in advocacy through our involvement with the Unified Parkinson’s Advocacy Council.

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consisting of doctors from various healthcare locations around Wisconsin, this committee provides medical oversight for WPA, and advises on topics related to clinical care of people with PD.

WPA touches thousands of lives each year:

“Thanks to this program, I'm more aware of problems and where they are coming from. She was an excellent speaker who talks at the level of the audience."

“My weekly exercise class is often the highlight of the week! The exercises challenge me, and I've noticed a difference in my symptoms since I've been attending. The support of my fellow classmates helps keep me motivated.”

“With all of the resources and support I have found through the WPA, I finally feel like I have my life back.”

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