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# **Parkinson's Disease: Clinical Update, Comorbidities and Modern Management**



# Learning Objective 1

Review the latest advances in the management of Parkinson's Disease.

# Outline/Objectives

- Clinical presentation and diagnosis
- Update on etiology; genetic and environmental factors
- Medical treatment: early, moderate and advanced stage
- Advanced treatments: deep brain stimulation and levodopa intestinal infusion

# Clinical Diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease

- Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorders characterized by bradykinesia and tremors or rigidity or postural instability (UK Bank Criteria)
- Supportive criteria: unilateral, rest tremor, response to levodopa, presence of dyskinesia, progressive disorder

# Clinical Diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease

- Exclusion criteria
  - History of repeated strokes,
  - Repeated head injury
  - History of definite encephalitis
  - Neuroleptic treatment at onset of symptoms
  - Sustained remission
  - Strictly unilateral features after 3 years
  - Supranuclear gaze palsy
  - Cerebellar signs
  - Early severe autonomic involvement



# Secondary Causes of PD

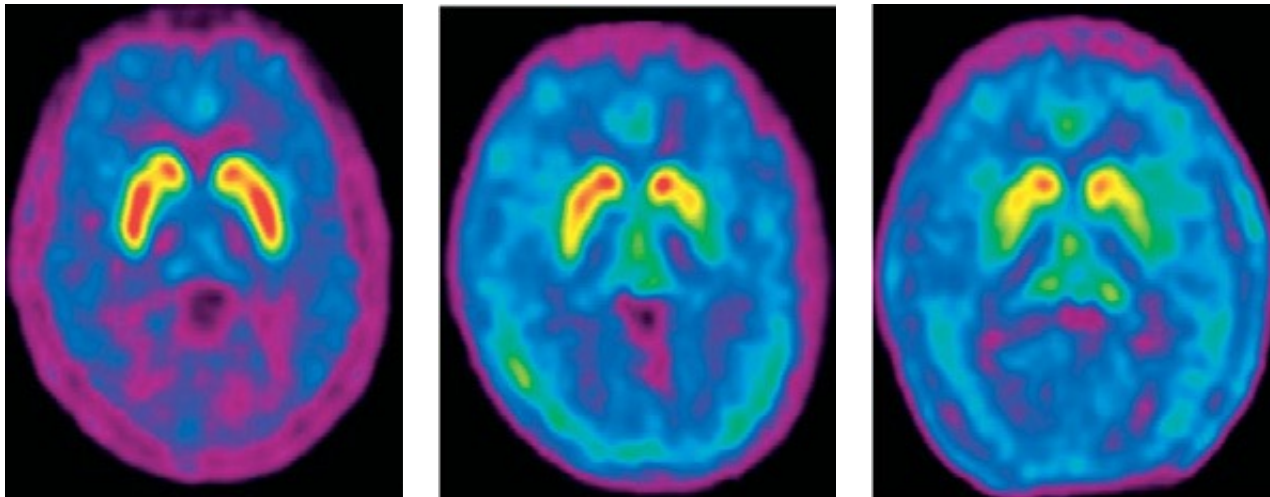
- Drug induced –neuroleptics and antiemetics
- Vascular parkinsonism- multi-infarct
- Infectious: post-encephalitic
- Metabolic: hypothyroid
- Toxic: manganese, CO, MPTP
- Red flag suggesting atypical PD:
  - Early dementia,
  - Supranuclear gaze palsy
  - Hyperreflexia
  - Ataxia
  - Early postural instability
  - severe dysautonomia

CO = carbon monoxide; MPTP = 1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine.

Grant I, Adams KM. Neuropsychological Assessment of Neuropsychiatric and Neuromedical Disorders. 2009. Oxford University Press, New York; Massano J, et al. *Cold Spring Harb Perspect Med*. 2012;2(6):a008870.

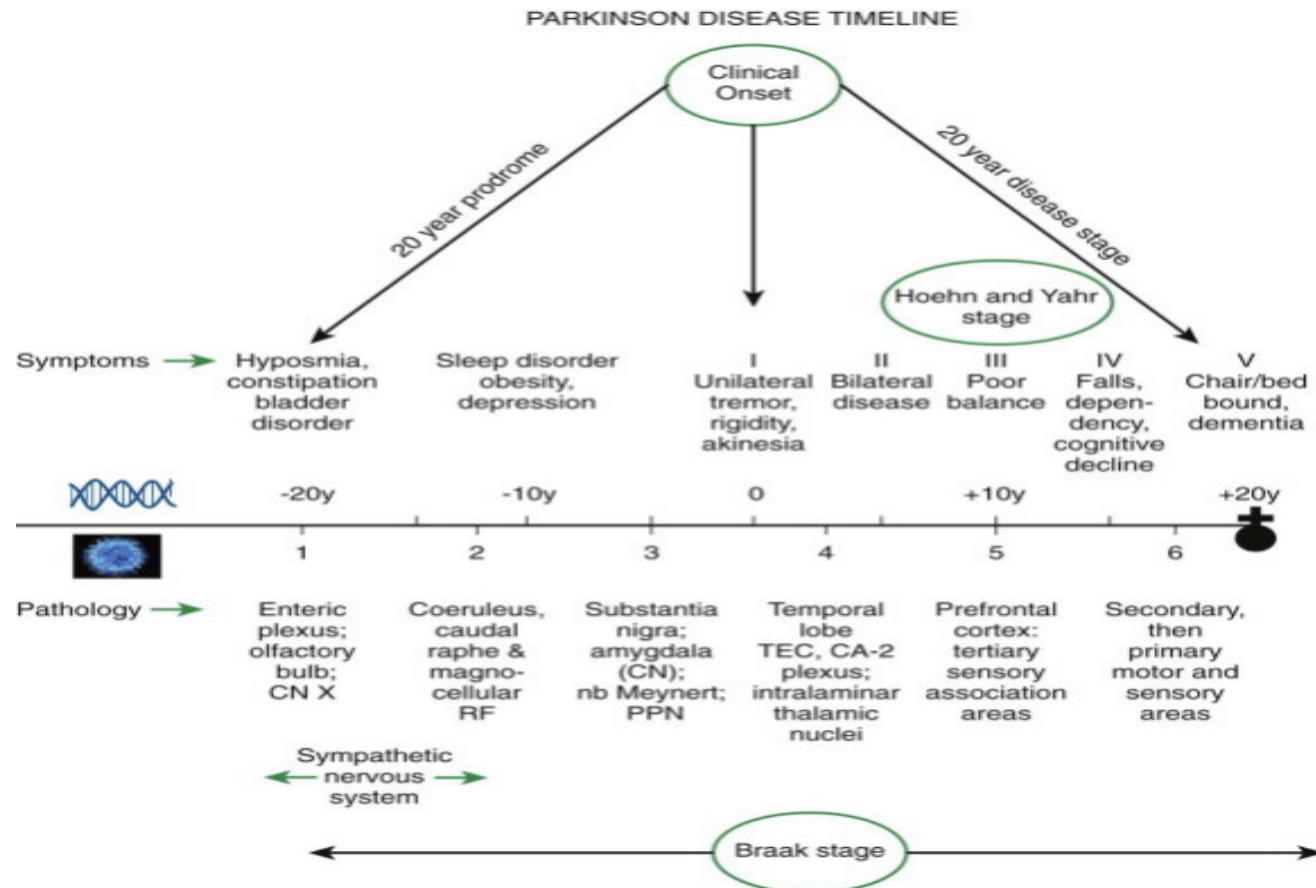
# Dopamine Transporter Imaging

- PD motor manifestations begin focally, when dopamine concentrations fall below 60–70% in the contralateral striatum.



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# Natural History of Parkinson's Disease



Hawkes CH, et al. *Parkinsonism Relat Disord.* 2010;16(2):79-84

# Non-Motor Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease

## Behavioral/cognitive

- Mood
  - Apathy
  - Cognition and dementia
  - Hallucinations and psychosis
  - Impulse control disorders

## Sleep

- Insomnia
  - REM behavior disorder
  - Excessive daytime somnolence

## Autonomic function

- Gastrointestinal
- Genitourinary
- Cardiovascular
- Thermoregulatory
- Dysphagia

## Sensory

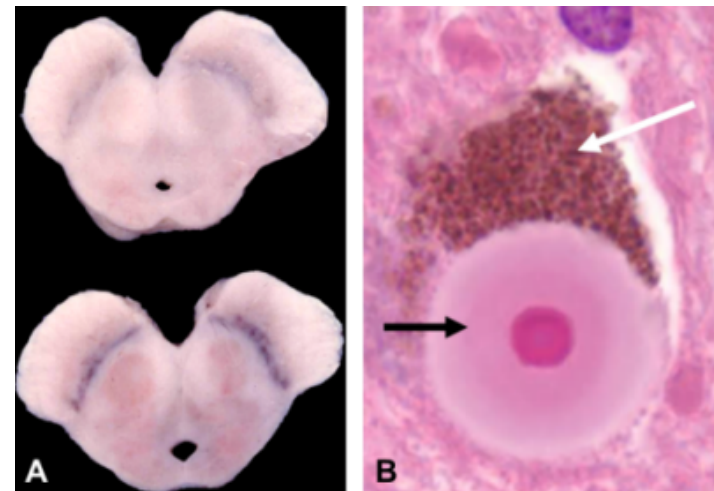
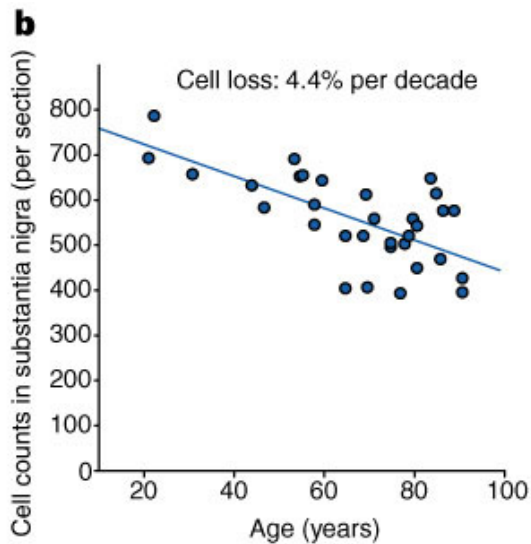
- Olfaction
- Visual system
- Pain
- Skin
- Musculoskeletal

# Preclinical Diagnosis

- REM behavioral disorder (RBD) is present in 50% of PD patients and precedes the motor symptoms
- Smell loss – early in PD
- Constipation – early in PD
- Anxiety and depression are comorbid with PD
- Biomarkers
  - Synuclein in gut
  - Salivary gland
  - Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

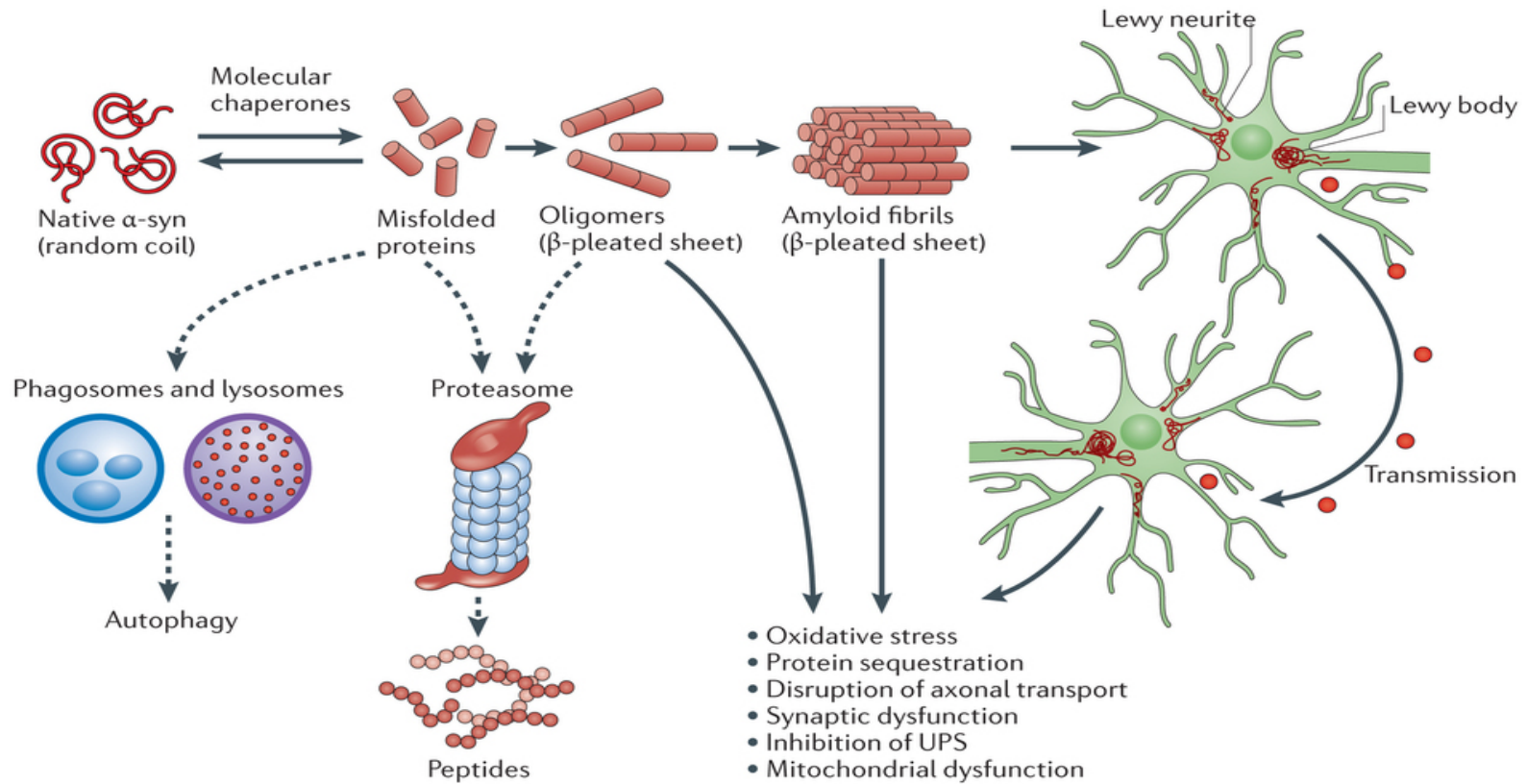
# Pathology

- Degeneration of dopaminergic neurons -50% neuron loss in the substantia nigra (SN) at dx
- Accumulation of synuclein aggregates- Lewy body
- Prion like aggregation



Dunnett SB, et al. *Nature*. 1999;399(6738):A32-A39.

# Prion like Aggregates

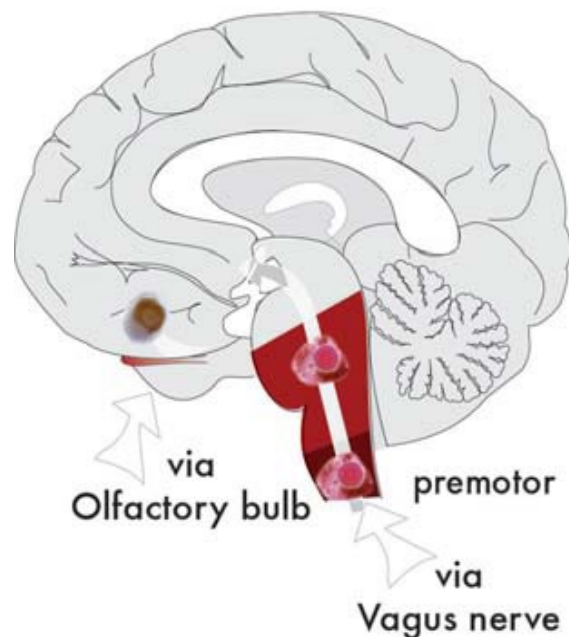


Irwin DJ, et al. *Nature Reviews Neuroscience*. 2013;14:626-636.

# Braak Hypothesis

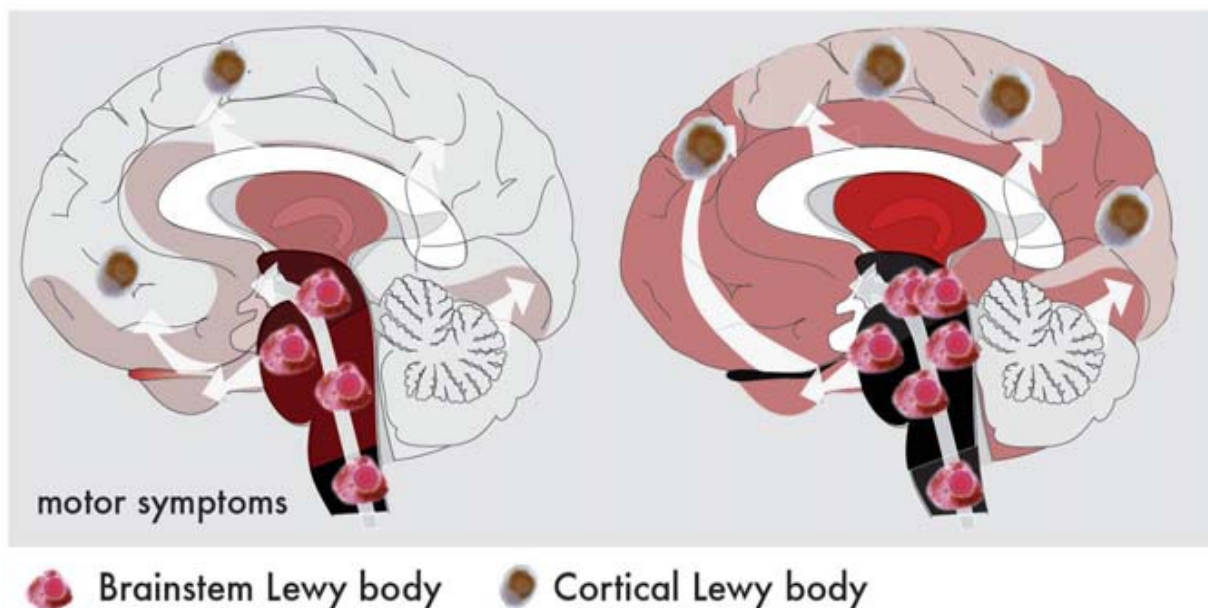
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Autonomic/olfactory  
disturbances



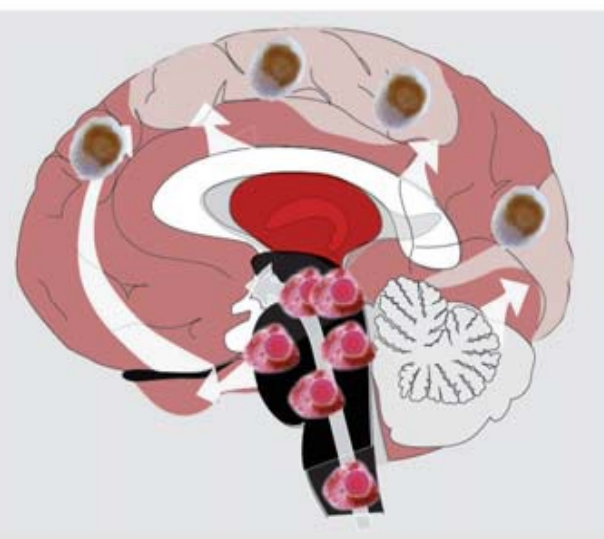
## BRAAK STAGE 3&4 PD

Sleep/Motor  
disturbances



## BRAAK STAGE 5&6 PD

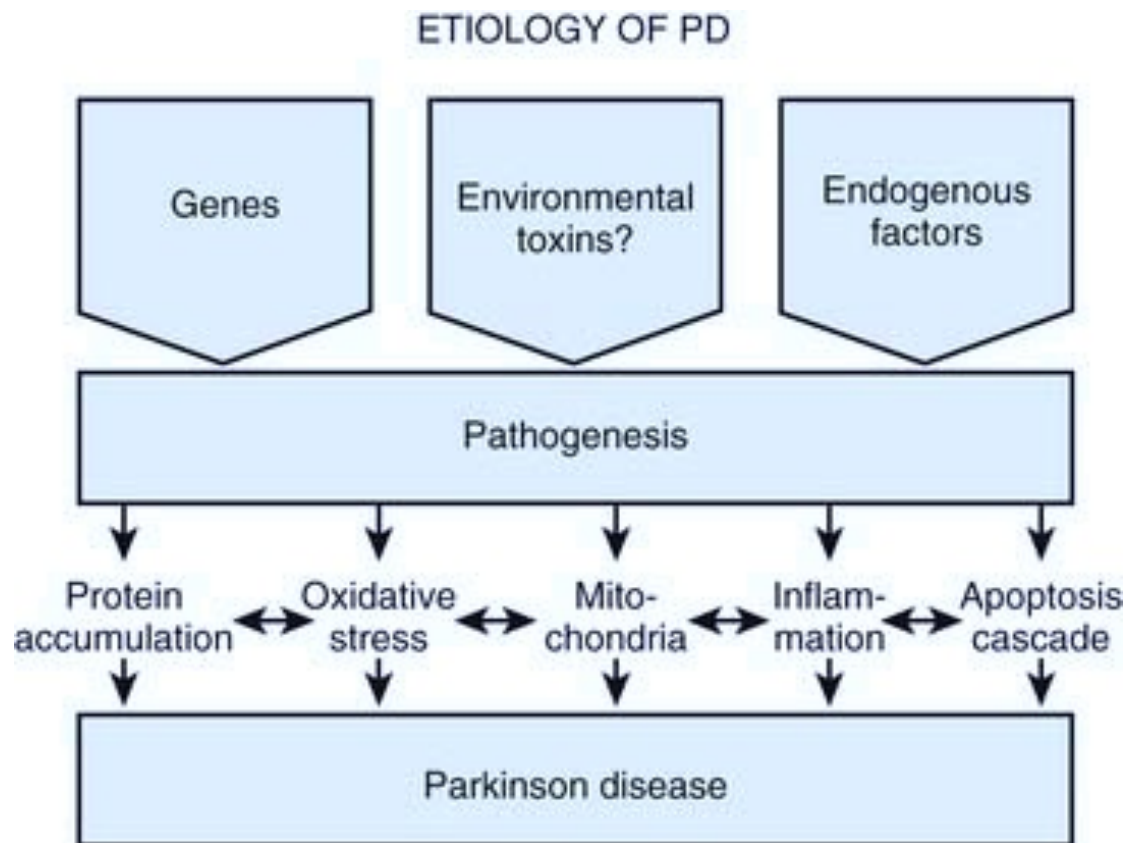
Emotional/cognitive  
disturbances



Halliday G. et al. *Mov Disord.* 2011;26:1015-1021.



# Etiology of PD



Fahn S, et al. *Principles and Movement Disorders*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. 2014.

# Mechanisms of Dopaminergic Loss

- Lysosome dysfunction
- Ubiquitin-proteasomal dysfunction
- Oxidative stress
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Reactive oxygen species
- Inflammation
- Disturbances of calcium homeostasis
- Promotion of  $\alpha$ -synuclein fibrillation
- Interference with dopamine transporter
- ↓ growth factor available
- ↓ gene transcription

# Risk Factors for PD

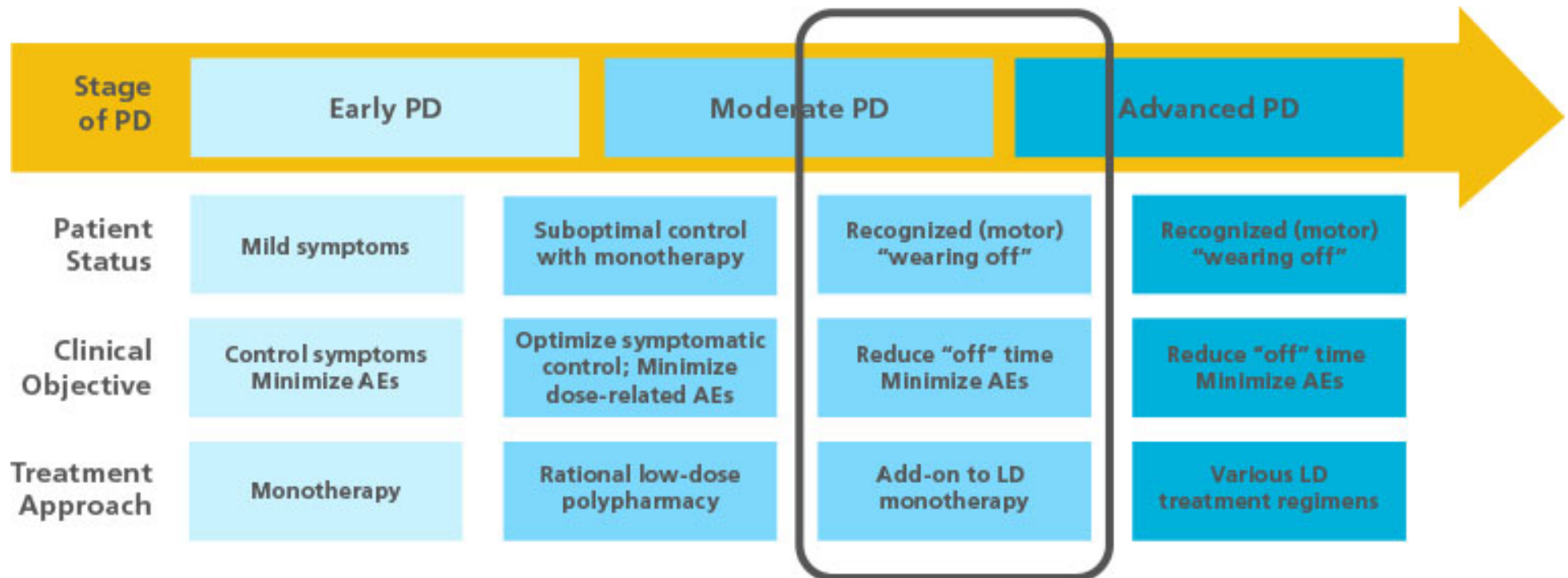
- Genetic and environment
- Age (dopaminergic loss with age)
- Increased risk
  - Traumatic brain injury,
  - Pesticides (rotenone, paraquat)
  - Industrial solvents
- Decreased risk
  - Cigarette smoke
  - Caffeine
  - Anti-inflammatories
  - Estrogen

# Gene Mutations

| PARK locus             | Gene             | Map position | Clinical phenotype                                 | Pathology                       |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <i>PARK1/4</i>         | <i>SNCA</i>      | 4q21         | Parkinsonism with common dementia                  | Lewy bodies                     |
| <i>PARK2</i>           | <i>parkin</i>    | 6q25-q27     | Early-onset, slowly progressing parkinsonism       | Lewy bodies                     |
| <i>PARK3</i>           | Unknown          | 2p13         | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Lewy bodies                     |
| <i>PARK5</i>           | <i>UCHL1</i>     | 4p14         | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK6</i>           | <i>PINK1</i>     | 1p35-p36     | Early-onset, slowly progressing parkinsonism       | One case exhibiting Lewy bodies |
| <i>PARK7</i>           | <i>DJ-1</i>      | 1p36         | Early-onset parkinsonism                           | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK8</i>           | <i>LRRK2</i>     | 12q12        | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Lewy bodies (usually)           |
| <i>PARK9</i>           | <i>ATP13A2</i>   | 1p36         | Early-onset parkinsonism with Kufor-Rakeb syndrome | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK10</i>          | Unknown          | 1p32         | Unclear  | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK11</i>          | <i>GIGYF2</i>    | 2q36-q37     | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK12</i>          | Unknown          | Xq           | Unclear  | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK13</i>          | <i>Omi/HTRA2</i> | 2p13         | Unclear  | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK14</i>          | <i>PLA2G6</i>    | 22q13.1      | Parkinsonism with additional features              | Lewy bodies                     |
| <i>PARK15</i>          | <i>FBX07</i>     | 22q12-q13    | Early-onset parkinsonism                           | Unknown                         |
| <i>PARK16</i>          | Unknown          | 1q32         | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Unknown                         |
| <i>FTDP-17</i>         | <i>MAPT</i>      | 17q21.1      | Dementia, sometimes parkinsonism                   | Neurofibrillary tangles         |
| <i>SCA2</i>            | <i>Ataxin 2</i>  | 12q24.1      | Usually ataxia, sometimes parkinsonism             | Unknown                         |
| <i>SCA3</i>            | <i>Ataxin 3</i>  | 14q21        | Usually ataxia, sometimes parkinsonism             | Unknown                         |
| <i>Gaucher's locus</i> | <i>GBA</i>       | 1q21         | Late-onset parkinsonism                            | Lewy bodies                     |

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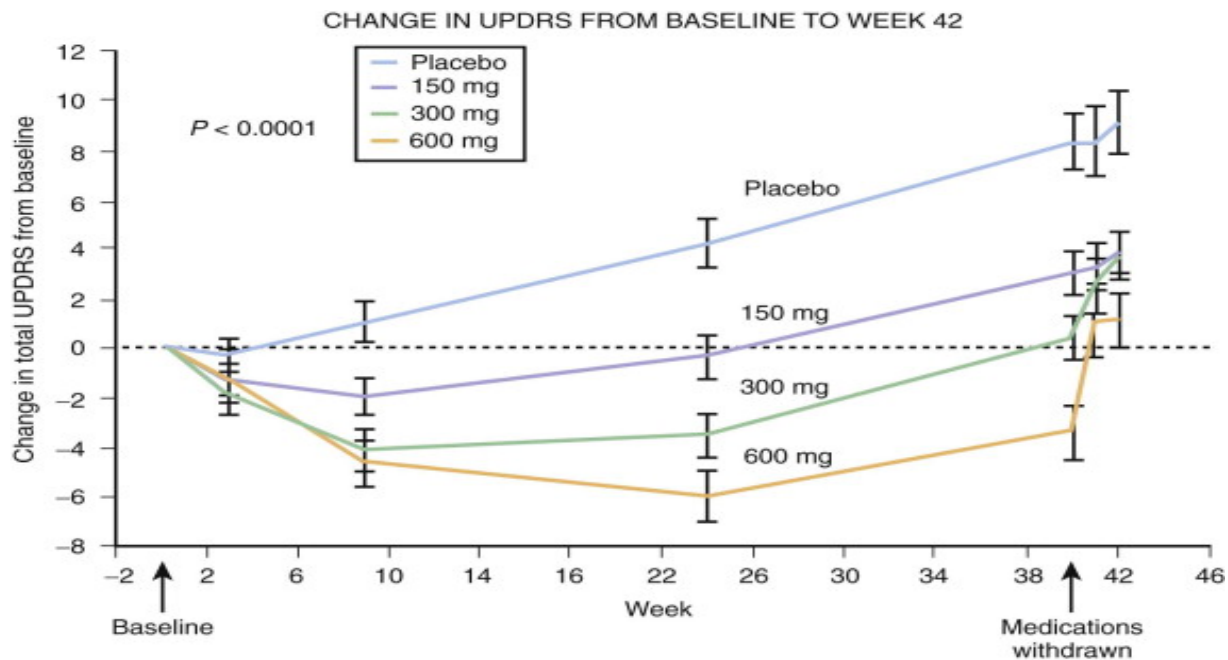
# Medical Treatment



Schapira AH. *Arch Neurol.* 2007; 64.1083-1088.

# Medical Treatment

- Carbidopa-Levodopa is the gold standard



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# Levodopa Formulations

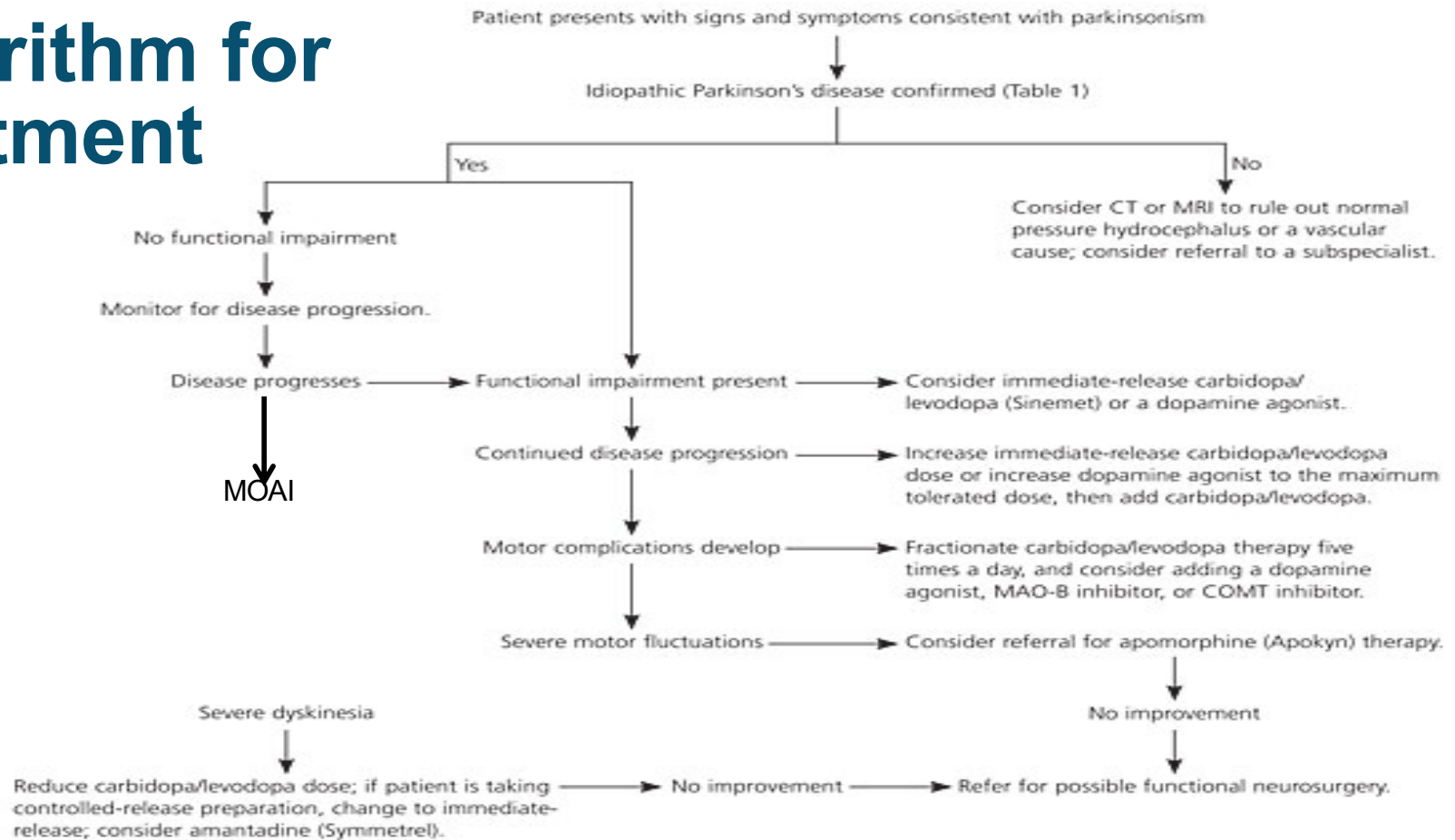
- Immediate release carbidopa /levodopa- (use 25/100)
- Benserazide/levodopa
- Sublingual carbidopa/levodopa
- Sustained release levodopa and combination of IR and CR
- Carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone
- Jejunal infusion
- Inhaled levodopa-phase 3 trial

# Adjunct Therapy

- Anticholinergics-benzotropine, trihexyphenidyl
- Dopamine agonists- pramipexole, ropinirole, rotigotine patch, apomorphine injection, bromocriptine, pergolide
- MAO-B inhibitors-selegiline, rasagiline
- COMT inhibitors-entacapone, tolcapone
- Antiglutaminergic agents-amantadine, amantadine ER

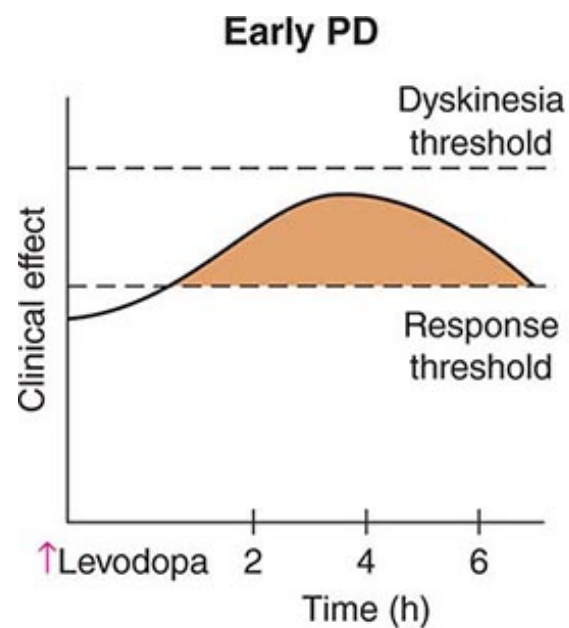


# Algorithm for Treatment

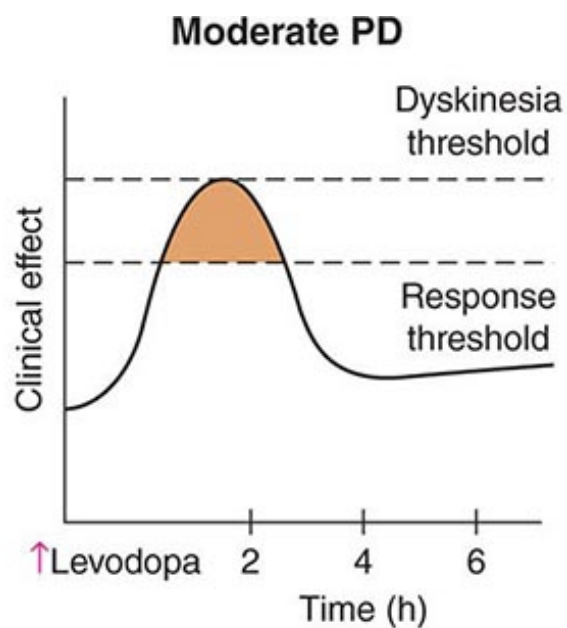


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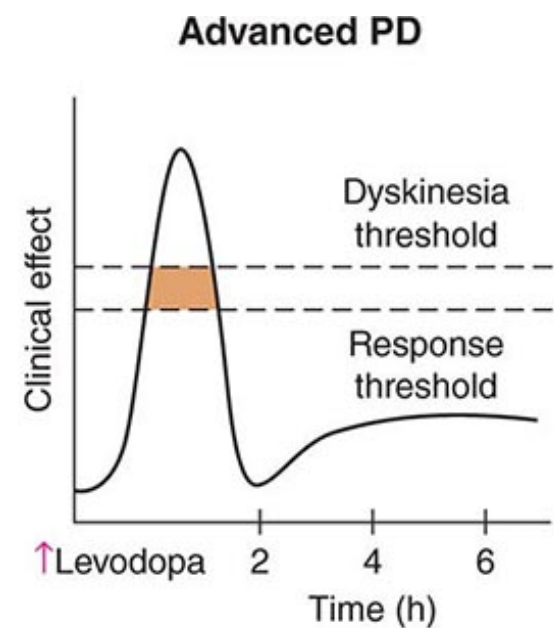
# Complications of Levodopa Therapy



- Long-duration motor response
- Low incidence of dyskinesias



- Short-duration motor response
- "On" time may be associated with dyskinesias



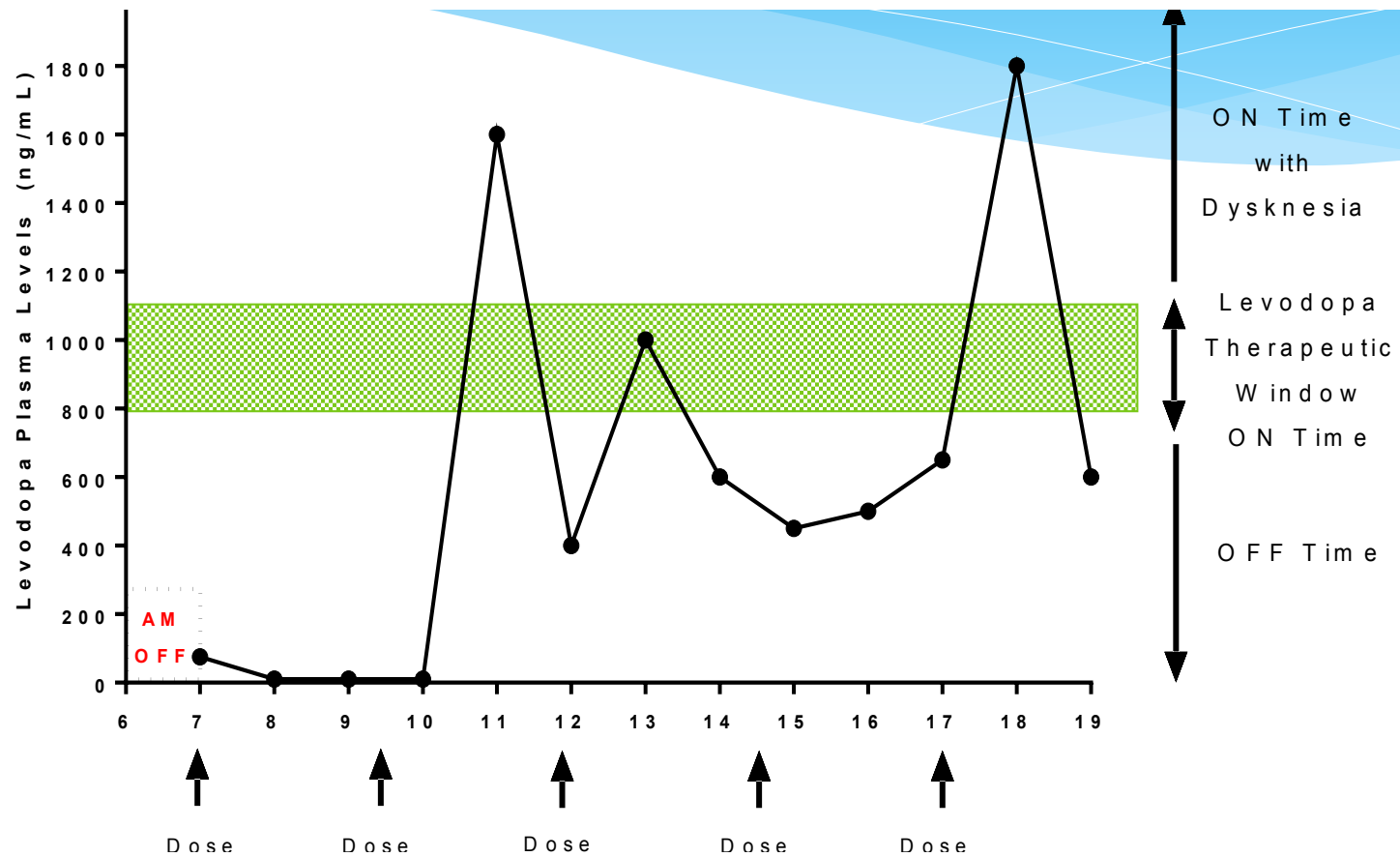
- Short-duration motor response
- "On" time consistently associated with dyskinesias

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# Managing Wearing Off

- Increase frequency of levodopa administration
- Consider adjunctive oral therapies
- Night time dose for nocturnal symptoms
- Avoid heavy protein meals before levodopa dose
- Subcutaneous apomorphine
- For patients that continue to have fluctuations consider advanced therapies

# Wearing Off and Dyskinesia

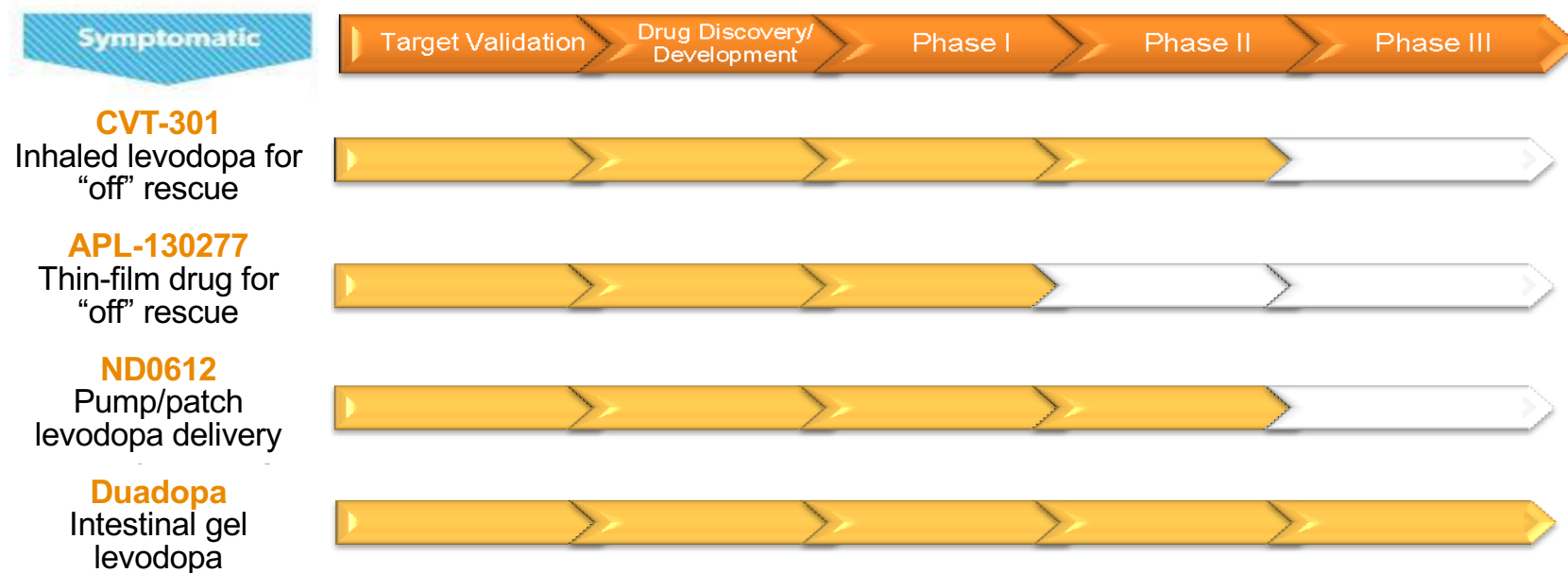


# Managing Dyskinesia

- Reduction in individual dose of L-dopa and more frequent administration.
- Add a dopamine agonist and reduce dose of levodopa
- Amantadine 100 mg tid or more as tolerated (sustained release under development)
- Propranolol, clozapine and valproate have some efficacy
- Infusion therapies-apomorphine or jejunal levodopa
- Surgery-DBS GPI or STN

# New Drugs for PD

We're on the verge of breakthrough treatments for motor fluctuations.



These drugs are expected to be available in the next one to three years.

Michael J. Fox Foundation. Available at: <https://www.michaeljfox.org/understanding-parkinsons/living-with-pd/topic.php?therapies-in-development&navid=therapies-in-development>. Accessed March 14, 2014.

# Non-motor Symptoms

- Depression and anxiety
  - SSRIs citalopram, escitalopram, sertraline
  - SNRIs venlafaxine, desvenlafaxine and atomoxetine
  - TCAs amitriptyline, nortriptyline
- Psychosis
  - Typical: clozapine
  - Atypical: quetiapine, pimavanserin
- Cognitive impairment
  - Cholinesterase inhibitors rivastigmine, donepezil
  - NMDA antagonist-memantine

SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor; SNRI – selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor; TCA = tricyclic antidepressant; NMDA = N-methyl-D-aspartate.

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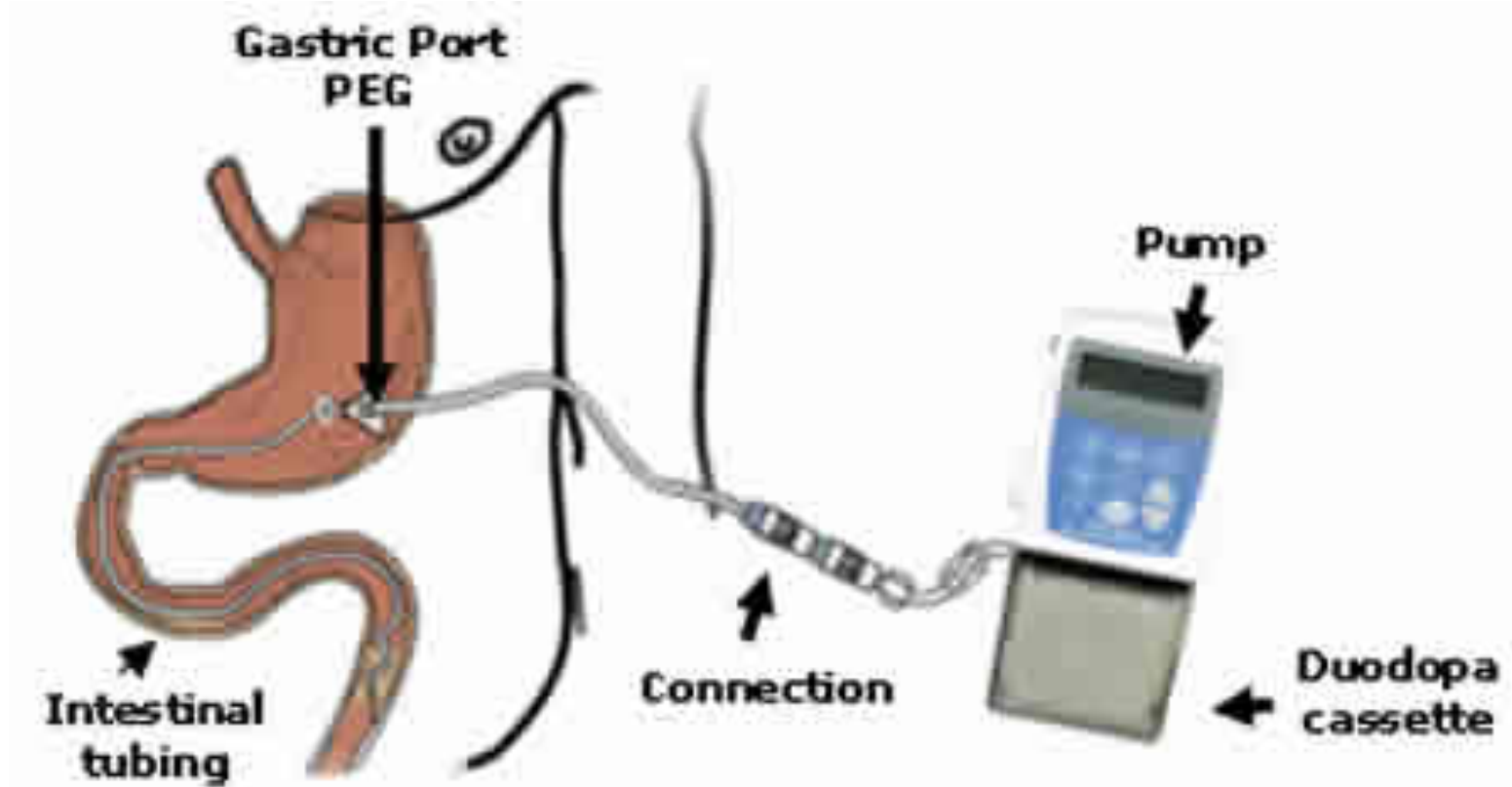
- Sleep: behavioral therapy, sleep hygiene, bright light therapy, melatonin, hypnotics, waking-promoting agents, and CPAP
  - Benzodiazepines, zolpidem, eszopiclone, suvorexant, trazodone, mirtazapine, gabapentin, ramelteon



# Non-motor Symptoms

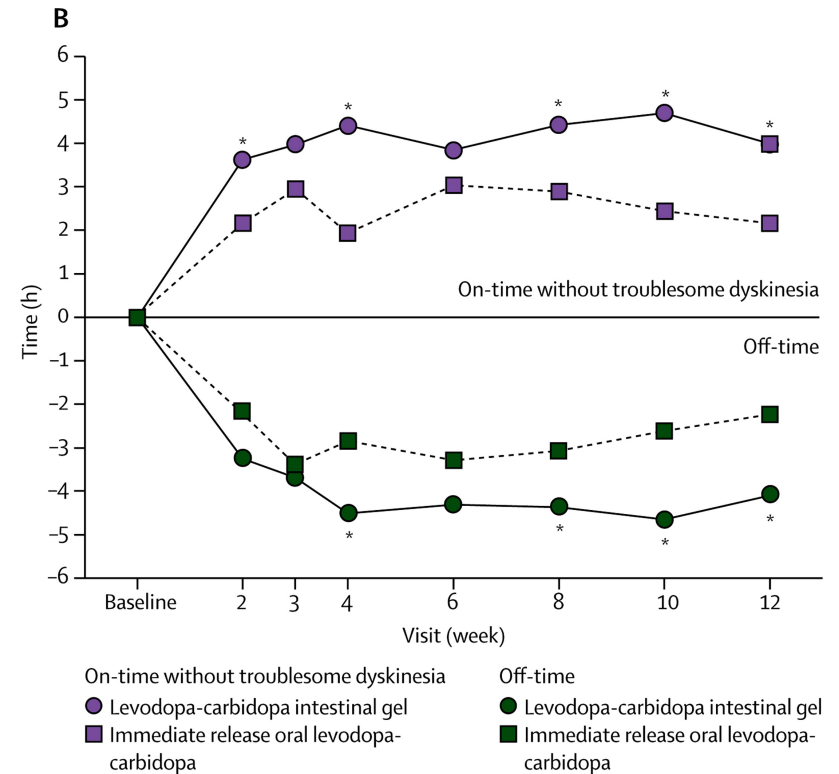
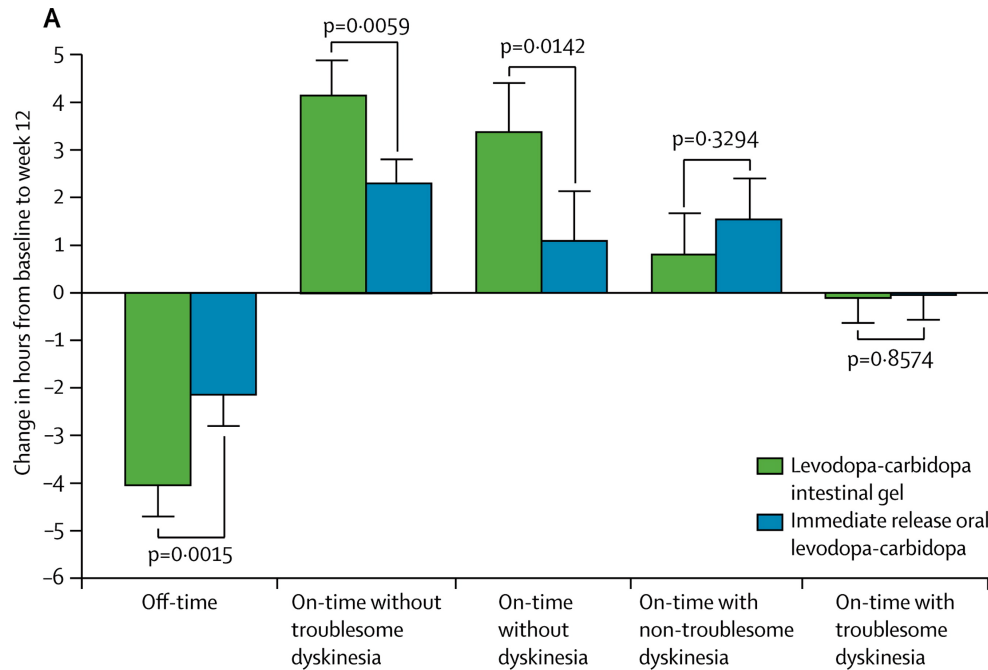
- Orthostatic hypotension: salt intake, compressive stocking, fludrocortisone, midodrine, droxidopa
- GI
  - Gastroparesis: H-pylori eradication, domperidone
  - Constipation: fiber, linaclotide, probiotics
- Bladder: urgency oxybutynin, mirabegron, botulinum toxin

# Levodopa Intestinal Gel Pump



Olanow CW, et al. *Lancet Neurol.* 2014;13(2):141-149.

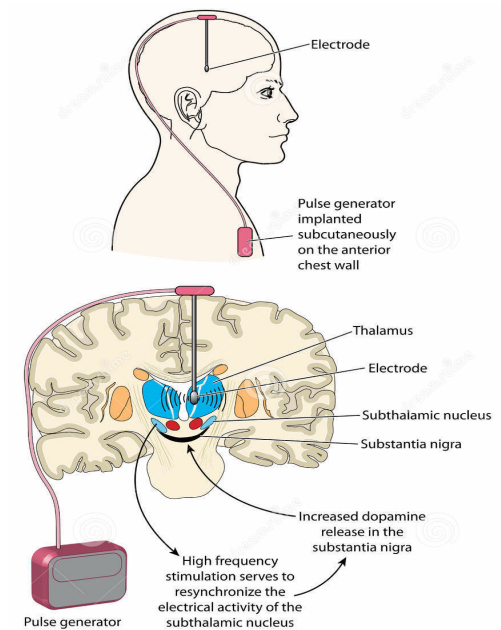
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# Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)

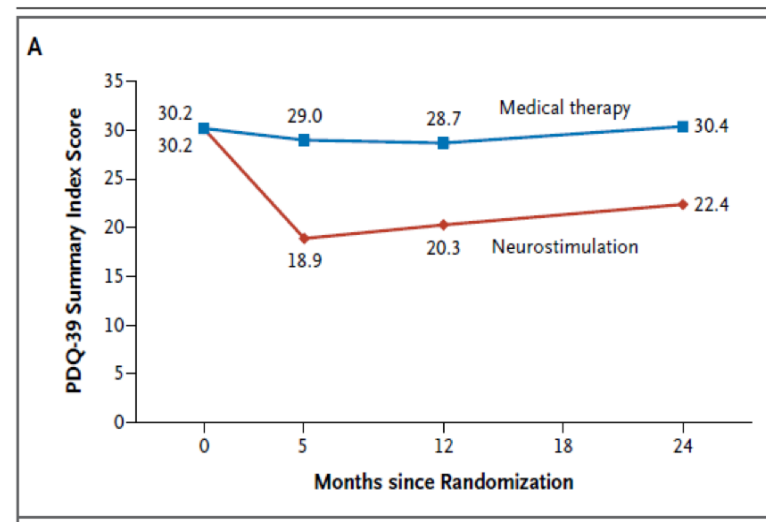
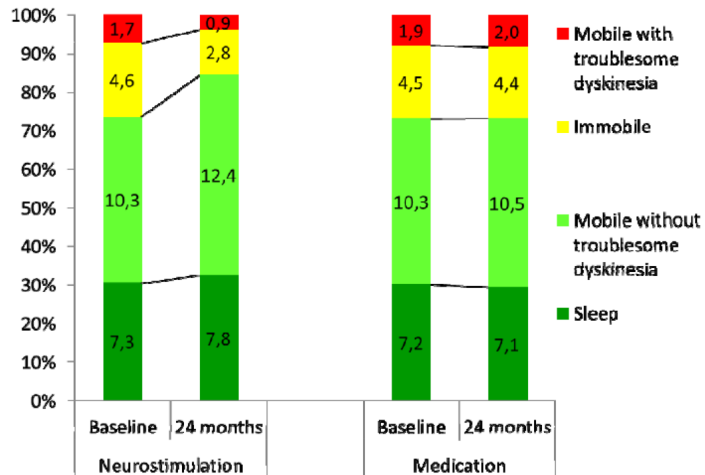
- Use of electrical current to modulate dysfunctional brain networks.
- High frequency DBS of subthalamic nucleus is indicated in patients with motor fluctuations (wearing off and dyskinesias)- approved by FDA in 2002
- Neurostimulation is usually done after 10-13 years of disease- improves motor symptoms and quality of life.
- Recently clinical trials showed that early use of DBS increases quality of life



Dreamstime. Available at: <https://www.dreamstime.com/stock-illustration-deep-brain-stimulation-using-implanted-pulse-generator-especially-as-relates-to-parkinson-s-disease-image54259812>. Accessed March 14, 2017.

# Deep Brain Stimulation

- On time increased with 2.1 hours in DBS group vs 0.2 hours in the medical therapy group.
- Quality of Life significantly increased in DBS group.



Schuepbach WM, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2013;368(7):610-622.

# Deep Brain Stimulation

- DBS is superior to best medical therapy in patients with early motor complications (wearing off and dyskinesia )
- Improves significantly levodopa responsive symptoms: tremor, rigidity and bradykinesia, on-off fluctuations, and allows significant reduction in medication.
- Shortcomings: does not improve axial symptoms: gait/freezing, balance, speech, cognition

# Take Home Message

- PD is a neurodegenerative disorders with motor and nonmotor symptoms
- PD is comorbid with depression and anxiety
- Etiology is multifactorial: genetic and environmental
- Medical treatment is tailored to patient symptoms both motor and non motor
- Advanced treatment: DBS and DUOPA.



# Questions & Answers





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