

Upcoming Events

South Florida

March 11, 2013 (Monday)

Annual Parkinson's Symposium

10:30am-2:30pm

Registration begins at 9:45am

Marriott Boca Center

5150 Town Center Circle

Boca Raton

Contact: Gigi Gilcrease, RN, MBA
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April 14, 2013 (Sunday)

Annual "Fun" Walk and Picnic for Parkinson's Research

10:00am-1:30pm

Registration begins at 9:15am

Lake Ida Park – Heron Pavilion

1455 Lake Ida Road

Delray Beach

Central Florida

March 8, 2013 (Friday)

"Parkinson's The Big Picture"

10:00am-12:00pm

West Village Town Hall

851 Celebration Avenue

Celebration/Kissimmee

Speaker: J. Eric Ahlskog, MD, PhD

Professor of Neurology at

Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN

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2012 SIXTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND MOVEMENT DISORDERS – MEETING SUMMARY

Defining Parkinson's disease

A recurring theme at the meeting was the topic of redefining Parkinson's disease (PD). Some were in favor of a **pathologic definition** based on alpha-synuclein, which is a structurally abnormal protein found in the Lewy bodies, which are abnormal particles found within the cells in the substantia nigra tissue that is dying off in Parkinson's disease patients. These substantia nigra cells produce the neurotransmitter dopamine, which is deficient in PD, and is the basis for treatment with levodopa or other dopaminergic therapies. Because of the abnormal accumulation of alpha synuclein in brain tissue, PD would be considered a synucleinopathy, along with other diseases such as REM behavior disorder, multiple system atrophy, and diffuse Lewy body disease. However defining the pathology in these disorders would require tissue through biopsy, so it is not a very practical means for defining PD.

Some were in favor of a **genetic definition** of PD, however the genetic factors playing a role in PD are still complex and being unraveled, so this approach would also be difficult to use in defining PD. In the end there was a consensus that PD is a syndrome best defined by its 6 cardinal clinical features:

Tremor at rest, cogwheel rigidity of the muscles, slowness of movement (akinesia), loss of postural reflexes (tendency to fall backwards), a flexed posture, and freezing or "motor blocks" (hesitation in movement). Asymmetry of the symptoms, slow progression of disease, and a good response to levodopa were also felt to be features that were useful in defining PD. Abnormal bodily postures such as scoliosis at the onset of

the disease, and gait impairment and imbalance such as an impaired ability to walk a straight line, or inability to ride a bicycle are features that suggest an atypical Parkinson syndrome such as multiple system atrophy.

New medications

Two new trials were presented regarding **adenosine A2A receptor antagonists**, which are a new therapeutic strategy for PD treatment. Both trials showed a modest benefit in PD motor symptoms with minimal side effects. These medications will most often be an "add-on" medication, or could be used as initial therapy for PD. **Isradipine** seems to be the most likely of these medications to be released in the near future.

- **New long-acting (slow release) carbidopa/levodopa preparation (IPX066)** This agent was superior to carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone (Stalevo) in patients with advanced PD resulting in improved "on time" and diminished "off time." There were no worrisome side effects. IPX066 also appears to be superior to carbidopa/levodopa ER (Sinemet CR). It will also most likely be released in the near future.
- **New agent beneficial in controlling dyskinesia** (excessive involuntary movements) caused by levodopa therapy. It was effective with a minimal side effect profile, and it should move forward through the approval process quickly. At the moment, amantadine (Symmetrel) is our principal medication tool for controlling levodopa-induced dyskinesia, deep brain stimulation (DBS) is also useful in this regard.

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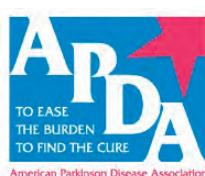
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Dear Members,

As caregiver for my husband, Jim, I know only too well the challenge we face on this Parkinson's journey. But I take comfort in knowing that our organization understands and supports us every step of the way. A recent comment from one of our caregivers echoes my sentiments stating that APDA South Florida, "shows great concern for the individual needs of patients and caregivers."

It was wonderful seeing many of you at the 2012 Annual PD Update/Recognition Luncheon. I personally want to extend our thanks to each and every volunteer. Many thanks to the Advisory Board for recognizing my six years as President and Caregiver of the Year. Thank you so much for this honor.

I hope to see all of you at our Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium on Monday, March 11th at the Marriott Boca Center and Annual Picnic & Fun Walk on Sunday, April 14th at Lake Ida Park in Delray Beach. The symposium has a list of outstanding speakers, with Dr. Eric Ahlskog, MD, PhD returning to South Florida per your request. And, the picnic/walk is always a nice way to relax and enjoy a day by the lake raising funds for PD research.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring at the Symposium or Walk please contact Gigi Gilcrease, RN, MBA at 800-825-2732.

With all best wishes for a wonderful year!

Linda Gilchrist

President South Florida Chapter

Caregiver Respite Program

A Parkinson's caregiver respite program is available in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Respite care can be defined as a short-term option to provide periodic time off for the full-time family caregiver (care partner) to rest and renew him/her from providing continuous assistance to a family member with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. Eligible care partners may apply for respite care either through an in-home program or at an adult day care center.

PARKINSON'S – INFORMATION & REFERRAL

The American Parkinson Disease Association funds two Information & Referral (I & R) Centers in Florida. Call to get answers to your questions about Parkinson's disease and related issues. The Centers provide counseling and advocacy for patients and family members, education materials, newsletters, support group networks, referrals to community resources, symposia, workshops, community awareness initiatives and fundraisers.

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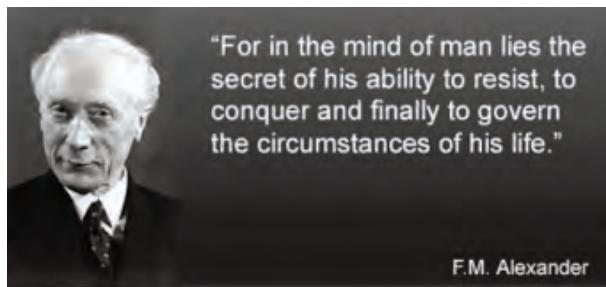
Research Suggests Alexander Technique Benefits Those With Parkinson's Disease

After presenting workshops to Parkinson's support groups in Palm Beach Gardens and Delray Beach, my colleagues and I wanted to provide more information on the encouraging research published showing the benefit of the Alexander Technique on those with Parkinson's Disease.

First, some background—the Alexander Technique was developed over a century ago by F.M. Alexander. He set out to cure vocal and breathing issues he had experienced during strained performances as a Shakespearean actor in London. Through extensive self-study he discovered what is now known as the Alexander Technique. Alexander found his technique could greatly help those in chronic pain and went on to develop a clear scientific process to address it.

Today, Alexander Technique teachers are often referred to as "movement coaches" helping students with variety of balance, coordination, and postural issues. Of special interest, research has proven the Alexander Technique to be helpful to those with Parkinson's disease.

In the scientific journal, Clinical Rehabilitation, the research study "Randomized controlled trial of the Alexander Technique for idiopathic Parkinson's disease" (11/02) was well-publicized throughout Europe for its compelling results. The study took place at the School of Integrated Medicine at the University of Westminster in London.



F.M. Alexander

The stated objective of the study was "to determine whether the Alexander Technique, alongside normal treatment, is of benefit to people disabled by idiopathic Parkinson's disease.

How does the Alexander Technique work? "Using verbal guidance and skilled hand contact [an Alexander Technique] teacher observes and assesses changes in muscle activity, balance and co-ordination resulting from mental activity and provides immediate feedback," state the study's authors. "Pupils learn to recognize and adopt better thinking strategies for overall control of balance and movement."

The study included 93 people with clinically confirmed idiopathic Parkinson's disease. Results were evaluated with the Self-assessment Parkinson's Disease Disability Scale (SPDDS) at best

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PD Update/Volunteer Recognition

This annual event was held January 8, 2013 at Broward Health North in Deerfield Beach. Faye Kern, APDA West Coast FL Coordinator spoke about patient and caregiver wellbeing and maintaining a positive attitude. Thomas C. Hammond, MD, APDA I&R Center neurological director, provided a current Parkinson's update and question and answer session. Special Lifetime Recognition awards were given to Faye Kern, 17 years as APDA Coordinator West Coast FL, Carol Goldman, caregiver and President of ParkOptimists programs in Coral Gables and Linda Gilchrist, caregiver and APDA South Florida President.

Much appreciation to all support group leaders, speakers, volunteers and corporate sponsors and to: Agnes Porzio, Rose Kyle, Carol Gallagher, Michelle Blodgett, PsyD, Alicia Facca, MD, Louis Butera, DO, Ann Chickowski, LDN, Susan Levy, SLP, Lauren Battelene, SLP, Matthew Green, JD, Matthew Pressman, Luz Perez, PT, Phyllis Nichols, MSW, Barbara Borello, Ann & Bill Kirschner, James & Sandra Porter, TEVA, Medtronic, Park Summit, Marriott Boca Center, Thomas Produce, Lucille's Bad to the Bone, Village Home Care, Maxicare Select, Life Care of Florida, The Palace, The Fountain -view, Windward Palms, Responsive Home Health, and Broward Health.



Abbi Bentsz, APDA VP presenting Linda Gilchrist her award.



APDA colleagues Gigi Gilcrease, RN and Faye Kern following Faye's presentation.



The volunteers who were able to attend the luncheon were Gail Baldwin, Seymour Olchak, Rhoda Olchak, Janice Leonard, Helene Dieter and Ruthie Cusick.

TRIBUTES & DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate your tributes and donations. Tributes and are a wonderful way to acknowledge the memory of a beloved person or to honor someone who means so much to you. For over 20 years, your generous donations have helped to increase Parkinson's awareness, develop educational programs, provide free educational materials, distribute *The Parkinson's Source* news - letters, facilitate patient and caregiver support groups, provide current information to our mailing list, fund exercise and special programs, maintain the caregiver respite program, sustain the APDA Information & Referral Center helpline, maintain our website, www.apdaflorida.org, and fund research as determined by the APDA National Scientific Advisory Board. The donations listed below were received from July 2012 to January 2013.

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MEETING SUMMARY

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New strategies for delivering dopaminergic therapy

The administration of levodopa as carbidopa/levodopa gel through a gastrostomy tube implanted in the stomach and advanced into the duodenum/jejunum was reviewed. This therapy requires a surgical implantation of the tube, then the patient wears a small pump (cell phone sized), and levodopa is infused at a constant rate throughout the day. The side effects with this treatment were greatest in the first two weeks following the surgery, however the system seemed to be well tolerated thereafter, and was effective in decreasing motor fluctuations, improving "on-time," and decreasing "off-time."

A subcutaneous infusion of apomorphine, which is a dopamine agonist was also presented. This medication works similarly to ropinirole (Requip), and pramipexole (Mirapex) and is in fact the same medication used in Apokyn rescue injections for some PD patients. This infusion system is again similar to the insulin pump technology.

These two different infusion systems were compared in moderately advanced PD patient's, in a multicenter European study. It appeared that the apomorphine infusion was slightly better for motor scores in these patients.

However it did lead to more dyskinesia than the intra-jejunal infusion of levodopa. Once approved, these therapeutic strategies will be a welcome an alternative for patients with advanced PD who are not suitable candidates for Deep Brain Stimulation procedures.

Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) presentations

A large study was presented comparing different DBS targets for PD. The subthalamic nucleus (STN) proved to be a somewhat more effective target for stimulation than was the globus pallidus interna(GPI). This was encouraging since the STN target is the one most commonly used.

In another large review of DBS patients it was shown that suicidal ideation was not increased following DBS. Prior smaller studies have suggested some increase in suicide and suicidal ideation with DBS. Other studies have shown some increase in obsessive compulsive disorder, and some mild cognitive decline with DBS. These issues should always be discussed prior to pursuing DBS.

Gene therapy

Further work was presented regarding the ongoing trial which involves introducing a neural growth factor gene (neurturin) into the brain using a viral vector (AAV-2 neurturin). Recent pathologic data had revealed suboptimal growth factor delivery into the substantia

nigra (SN), consequently the protocol has been modified to require injection of viral particles containing the gene into both the SN (site where dopaminergic cells are dying), as well as injections into the putamen (site where these dopaminergic fibers terminate on dopamine receptors). To date approximately 80 patients have been treated, safety has been demonstrated and there is some preliminary evidence for benefit from this treatment. Animal models of PD have shown this therapy to be effective in restoring some of the cells that have been lost. These developments are encouraging.

Cognitive Impairment in PD

This topic was discussed at length at the meeting. Recent data suggests that 80% of PD patients will develop dementia. Mild cognitive impairment (MCI) is common in PD and may evolve into dementia in fashion similar to what is seen in Alzheimer's disease. Data was presented that indicates that levodopa therapy helps newly diagnosed patients with learning, working memory, and frontal lobe tasks. Therefore some cognitive improvement can be anticipated with standard treatment with dopaminergic medication for PD.

Unfortunately, the data also indicated that patients who have stable PD and develop cognitive impairment will show little or no improvement with increasing dopaminergic therapy. Furthermore, advanced PD patients who have developed cognitive impairment will generally show worsening cognition with increase in dopaminergic therapy.

Cognitive problems in PD increase with age at onset, duration, and severity of the disease. Mild cognitive impairment mainly affects attention (slowed thinking), executive function (multitasking), and visual spatial relations. The role of cognitive enhancing medications such as cholinesterase inhibitor drugs (Exelon, Aricept, and Razadyne) is unproven in mild cognitive impairment, but has shown some benefit for PD-related dementia. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, lifetime cognitive engagement: reading, writing, e-mailing, playing games etc. has been found to be an important strategy in preventing cognitive decline.

Depression was discussed as being frequently an overlooked problem in PD that may provoke cognitive impairment. A recent study showed antidepressant medication is effective in PD related depression, and suggested that paroxetine (Paxil) was slightly better than venlafaxine (Effexor).

Summary: New therapies are coming as outlined above. In the meanwhile a healthy lifestyle to include a healthy diet, regular exercise, and keeping cognitively engaged remain important strategies to combat Parkinson's disease.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Hammond, M.D., FAAN

Alexander Technique

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and worst times of day, measuring progressive deterioration for 25 everyday activities; the Beck Depression Inventory, measuring participants' feelings in the past week; an Attitudes to Self Scale, measuring subjects' attitudes toward their bodies/selves; and a questionnaire on changes arising from the interventions.

The study's conclusion: "There is evidence that lessons in the Alexander Technique are likely to lead to sustained benefit for people with Parkinson's disease."

The study's authors explain: "We conclude that the positive results for the Alexander Technique group across several measures,

including the most accurate type of measure of disability (self-rated) for Parkinson's disease (the SPDDS) show that it is likely to benefit most moderately mobile, non-demented people with Parkinson's disease who are interested in a technique for self-help."

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CITY	MEETING SITE	DAY OF MEETING	TIME	LEADER(S)	PHONE
Coral Gables	St. Matthews Church , 7410 Sunset Dr.	2nd Wednesday	11:00AM-12:30PM	Carol Goldman	305-476-8782
Coral Springs	Coral Springs Medical Office 3100 Coral Hills Dr. (next to hospital)	3rd Monday Support Group	2:00-3:30PM	APDA	800-825-2732
Davie	Nova Southeastern University NSU Ziff Health Care Bldg., 1st floor 3200 S University Dr.	1st & 3rd Wednesday 4th Wednesday Caregiver Group [PT Clinic]	10:45AM-12:00NOON 1:00-2:00PM 1:00-2:00PM	Dr. Blodgett	954-262-5611
Deerfield Beach	Broward Health North, 201 E. Sample Rd. Neuro Center (off lobby)	2nd Tuesday Support Group	1:00-3:00PM	APDA	800-825-2732
Delray Beach	South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Rd.	1st Wednesday Support Group Exercise Caregiver Group	2:00-4:00PM	APDA	800-825-2732
Jupiter	Jupiter Town Complex Activities Building, 201 Military Trail	1st Friday (lunch) 3rd Friday (meeting)	1:00-3:00PM	Rose Kyle	561-744-7666
Miami	Baptist Hospital Professional Bldg. 8950 N Kedall Dr., Suite 105	2nd Friday 3rd Saturday	7:00-9:00PM (Eng) 12:00-2:00PM (Span)	Abe or Ivon Bertan	786-683-0240
Miami VAHCS Veterans Only	1201 NW 16th St., 7th Floor Pain Clinic Psych Office, Rm. D707	Every Thursday	10:45AM	Paul Hartman, PhD	305-575-3215
Palm Beach Gardens	Christ Fellowship Life Center Room 206, 5343 Northlake Blvd.	2nd Wednesday Support Group	2:00-3:30PM	APDA	800-825-2732
Port St Lucie	Harbor Place 3700 SE Jennings Rd.	3rd Tuesday Support Group	2:00-3:30PM	Cathy Laura	772-201-6007 561-209-6124
Royal Palm Beach	Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center 151 Civic Center Way	Monday & Wednesday Support Group & Exercise	10:00AM-12:00PM		
Stuart	Grace Place Community Church 1550 SE Salerno Rd.	2nd Monday Support Group	1:00-3:30PM	Aileen Stiehle	772-286-3268

EXERCISE ONLY – SOUTH FLORIDA

Boca Raton	Sugar Sand Park Field House 300 S Military Trail First class is free, just stop by the park	Monday Wednesday	11:30AM-12:30PM 2:00-3:00PM	APDA	800-825-2732
Coral Gables	St. Matthews Church, 7410 Sunset Dr.	Dance, Yoga, Music		Carol Goldman	305-475-8782
Davie	Nova Southeastern University Sanford L. Ziff Health Center 3200 S University Dr.	Monday and Wednesday Physical Therapy PD Exercise Wednesday Speech Therapy PD Exercise	12:30PM 1:30-2:30PM	Dr. DiCarlo	954-262-4149 954-262-7726
Greenacres	Temple Beth Tikvah 4550 S Jog Rd.	Tuesday Friday	2:00-3:00PM 10:00-11:00AM	Must pre-register Free to APDA SFL Chapter Members	800-825-2732
Palm Springs	St Luke's Catholic Church 2892 S Congress (school library)	Saturday	11:00AM-12:00PM	Must pre-register Free to APDA SFL Chapter Members	800-825-2432

CENTRAL FLORIDA

CITY	MEETING SITE	DAY OF MEETING	TIME	LEADER(S)	PHONE
Holly Hill (Ormond Beach/ Daytona Area)	Bishop's Glen Retirement Center 900 LPGA Blvd.	4th Wednesday/month	2:00-3:30PM	Vincent Kinsler	386-676-6375
Kissimmee	Osceola County, Good Samaritan Village Orange Blossom Trail	2nd & 4th Thursday	10:00 – 11:00AM		407-944-3362
Melbourne	South Brevard Parkinson's Support Group Eau Gallie Public Library 1521 Pineapple Ave.	4th Thursday/month	1:30PM	Deb Ridel	321-751-0444
Titusville	North Brevard Parkinson's Disease and Caregivers Support Group Parrish Medical Center 951 N. Washington Ave.	3rd Saturday/month	11:00AM	Janet Rooks	321-268-6800
Orlando	Florida Hospital	4th Thursday/month	10:00AM-12:30PM		407-303-5295

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Bradenton	Summerfield Assisted Living 3409 26th Street West	3rd Monday Year Round	3:00-4:00PM		
Claremont	Cooper Memorial Library 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive	4thh Tuesday	3:00-4:00PM		
Dunedin	William Hale Senior Center 330 Douglas Ave.	1st Friday (No meeting in August)	1:00-2:30PM		
Largo	Cypress Palms 400 Lake Ave, Cypress Bldg	3rd Tuesday	12:00PM (Lunch Served)		
Largo	901 Seminole Blvd.	Every Other Month	10:30am-12:00PM		
Leesburg	Lake Square Presbyterian Churc 10200 Morningside Drive	2nd Tuesday	1:00-3:00PM		
St. Petersburg	St. Luke's United Methodist 4444 5th Ave. North St. Petersburg	2nd Monday (Sept-June) 4th Monday Year Round	1:00-3:00PM		
Tampa	First Church of the Nazarene 5902 North Himes Ave.	3rd Wednesday Year Round	1:00-2:30PM		
New Port Richey	The Cottages ALF, Pine Street	1st Thursday (Sept - May)	2:00-3:00PM		

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For information on the groups in these cities contact either the South or West Coast Florida Chapters

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA Naples Bonita Springs

For information on support groups, exercise and services contact: Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida 239-417-3465

**Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium
Monday, March 11, 2013**

at Marriott Boca Center

10:30am - 2:30pm • Registration begins at 9:45am

\$15 per person • Please pre-register by March 4th

The Event Features:

J. Eric Ahlskog, MD, PhD

Professor of Neurology, Mayo Medical School and Chair of the Mayo Clinic Section of Movement Disorders, Rochester, Minnesota. He is a full-time clinician with most of his Mayo practice devoted to Parkinson's disease and related disorders.

Becky Farley, PhD, MS, PT

Dr. Farley created the LSVT BIG therapy program while receiving her doctorate degree in neuroscience from the University of Arizona.

Her continued research has now led her to develop a comprehensive neuroplasticity-principled treatment model, Parkinson Wellness Recovery Program (PWR!)

Jonathan R. Jagid, M.D. B.S.M.E.

Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery and Neurology Director, Functional Neurosurgery Co-Director, Neurotrauma Neurosurgical Director of the Movement Disorder Group University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Thomas C. Hammond, MD

Associate Professor Nova Southeastern University APDA Information & Referral Medical Director Neurologist – Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Speakers will cover treatment options, medication management, non motor challenges, memory issues, surgical interventions, research, optimizing learning, brain health and function, and Neurology/Neurosurgical question/answer session.



**Sunday,
April 14th**

**Lake Ida Park – Delray Beach
10:00am - 1:30pm
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