

What is Parkinson's Disease?

Parkinson's disease is a chronic degenerative neurological disorder, typically progressing from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation.



- There are no known ways to anticipate, prevent, or cure this disease. Treatments only mask symptoms while the disease continues to progress.
- More than 50,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.
- One million Americans live with this disease.
- Economic costs in the U.S. for Parkinson's disease reaches \$25 billion annually.



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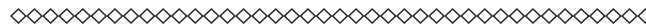
Any amount will help provide the hope of a cure to the more than one million Parkinson's disease patients and their families.



Lend a Hand...



Donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research and help us take a step closer towards finding a cure.



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a Life*

Our Vision

Since The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF) began in 2000, we've known that with proper funding, the cure is within reach.

MJFF is lean, built for speed, and obsessed with relevance. We approach each challenge of identifying and capitalizing on promising research with an open mind. The money we raise quickly goes to cutting-edge research. As a result, we have been heralded in the scientific community for streamlining the process and compressing the timeline. Today, we stand as the

single largest funder of Parkinson's research outside of the Federal government.



Our media and advocacy efforts have raised awareness and helped spur the government to increase its own spending and get us that much closer to a cure, that much quicker.



Our Approach

Tangible proof of our unique approach can be found in our Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), a group of leading Parkinson's researchers and clinicians.

The SAB guides

our research efforts in three core areas that span basic and clinical science:

- *Detecting and preventing Parkinson's disease*
- *Restoring dopamine neurons*
- *Reducing complications of treatment*

MJFF funds the most innovative research worldwide through our annual Fast Track program, a process that quickly identifies promising new opportunities. The SAB

canvasses the field for high-potential ideas and convenes top experts to identify specific areas where the Foundation can dramatically advance the science through directive programs.

Finally, our new research approach brings together collaborative teams from multiple institutions and disci-



plines to address the big picture issues that can have a major, immediate impact. Throughout everything, quality and integrity are paramount, while the focus remains on advancing basic lab discoveries to clinical trials and to patients.

Our Inspiration

Today, enormous progress is being made on many neurological fronts. This is an exciting time for Parkin-

struggles. It is for them that we will continue to push science toward the inevitable cure as fast as possible.



son's research, and advances in the study will benefit related neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's, Huntington's and ALS.

But it's the millions of Parkinson's patients and their families who drive us forward. Patients strive to live beyond the limiting effects of the disease, defining themselves by their achievements, not by their daily

There is much work still to be done. We must continue our aggressive pace of fundraising and research. Unfortunately, limited resources means the science is ahead of the money.

With your help, we can match the resources with the scientific opportunities. Soon we'll will say that Parkinson's disease truly is nobody's disease.