

# ADVANCEMENTS IN THE TREATMENT OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE



Neurorestoration and Beyond

# WHAT IS PARKINSON'S?

**1/100**  
OVER AGE  
OF 60



**60,000**  
NEW

**1M/US**



**5M/WORLD**

There is  
**NO TEST**  
and no  
**PROGRESSION  
MARKER**



**NO CURE,**  
MEDICATION ONLY HELPS WITH  
SYMPTOMS

PARKINSON'S DISEASE IS CAUSED BY THE DEATH  
OF DOPAMINE CELLS.

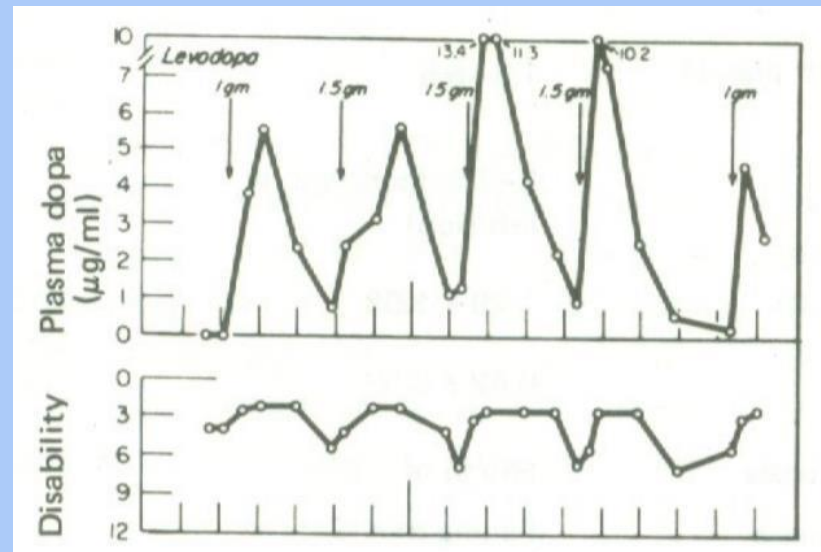
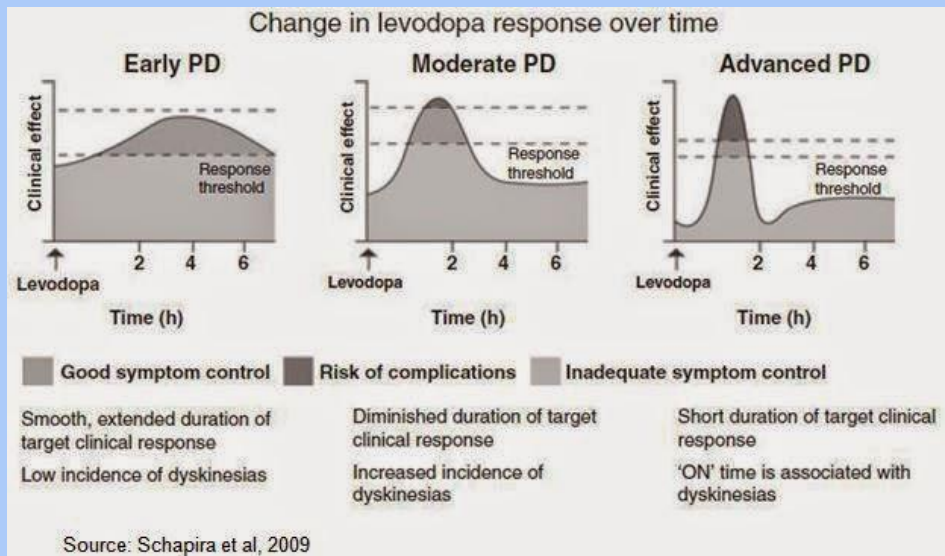
**60 TO 80%**

OF THESE CELLS ARE ALREADY LOST BY THE TIME  
MOTOR SYMPTOMS APPEAR.



# WHY DOES PD CHANGE OVER TIME?

## The disease itself AND medications used



# WHY DOES PD CHANGE OVER TIME?

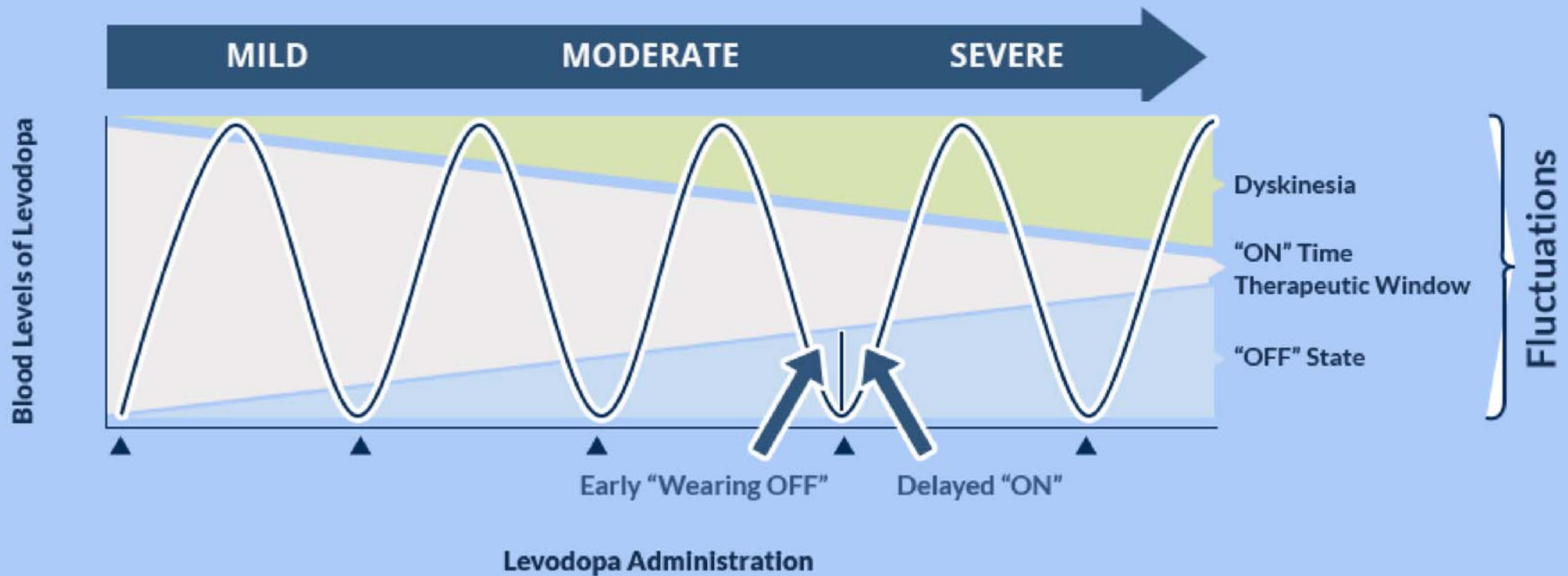
## Medications used – Classic levodopa

- ELLDOPA trial 16.5% of patients randomized to 600 mg of LD daily developed dyskinesias after only 9 months of treatment versus 2.3% among those on 300 mg (2004)
- Worsening motor complications with doses  $\geq$  600mg per day at 6 months and 6 years (2005)
- STRIDE-PD trial showed increased motor fluctuations and dyskinesia  $\geq$  500mg per day at 6 years (2013)

Combination of disease progression and pulsatile medication dosing impacts the number of dopamine receptors present among other things.

**Result = Worsening on-off fluctuations throughout the day**

# CARBIDOPA - LEVODOPA



# APPROACH TO THERAPY

## Classic

- Pulsatile and frequent
- Higher and higher doses
  
- Fluctuations
- Early side effects
- Treatment horizon

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## Contemporary

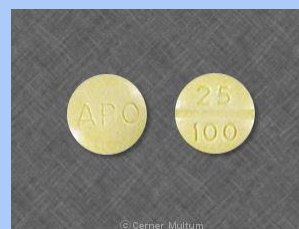
- Predictable and long acting
- Low doses, multiple targets
- “Rational polypharmacy”
- Employ technology earlier
  
- Smoother
- Reduced side effects
- Evergreen

# EXPANDED TOOLBOX UP UNTIL 5 YEARS AGO

- Dopamine Agonist



- Carbidopa/Levodopa formulation



- MAOB inhibitor

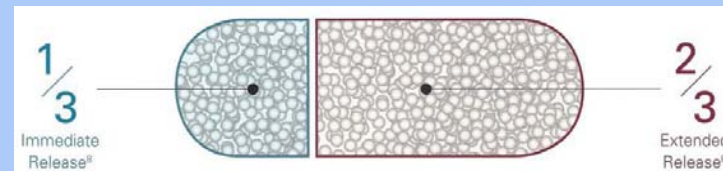
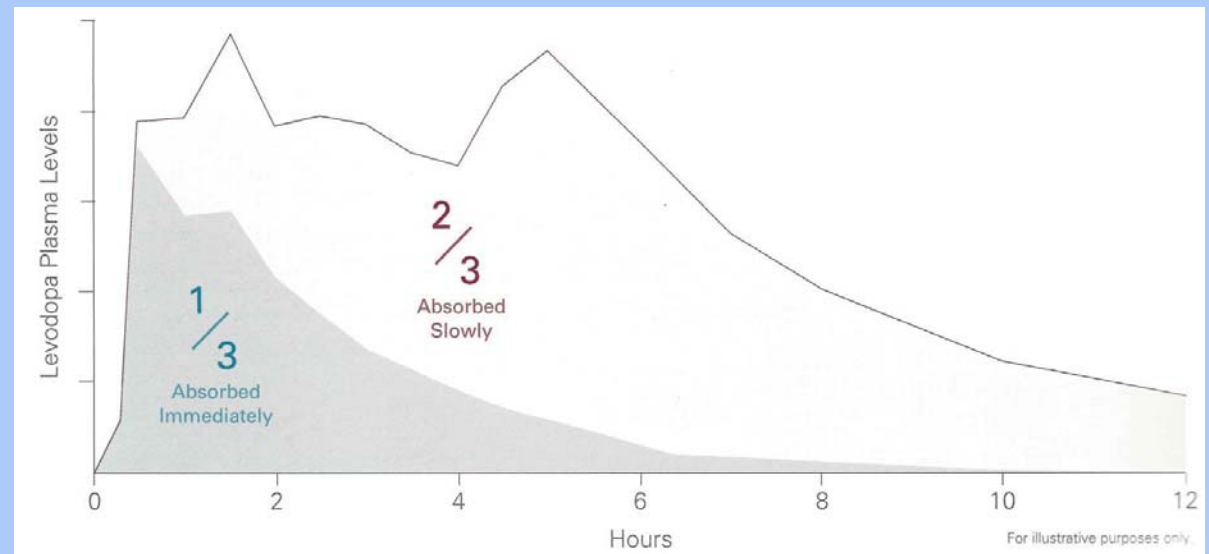
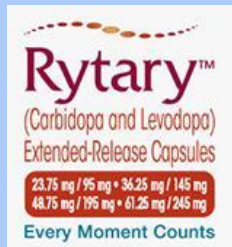
- COMT inhibitor



# NEW LEVODOPA FORMULATION

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- New formulation to deliver Carbidopa-Levodopa.
- Can last from 5 to 8 hours compared to 2 to 3 hours for Sinemet.
  - 1 to 2 hours less off time, 2 hours more on time



Pahwa et al: APEX-PD Investigators. Randomized trial of IPX066, carbidopa/levodopa extended release, in early Parkinson's disease. *Parkinsonism Relat Disord*. 2014 Feb;20(2):142-8.

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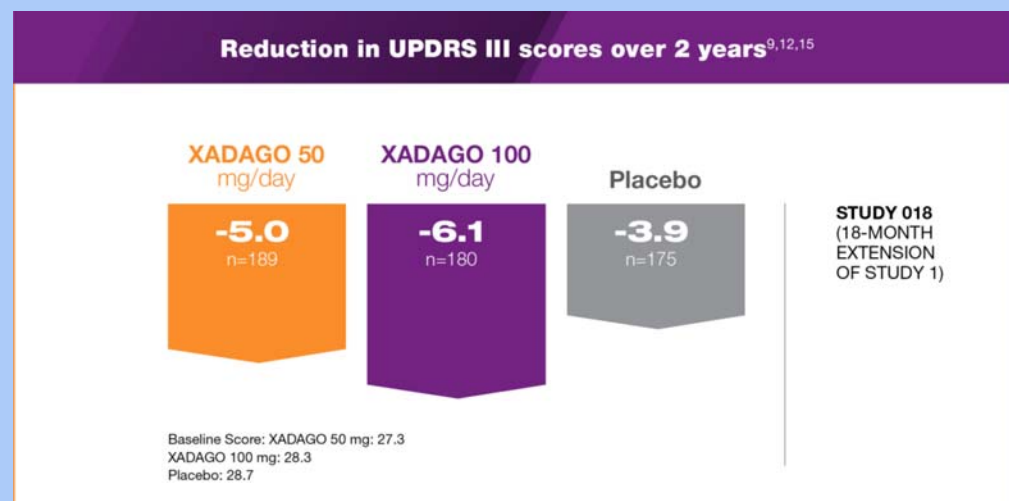


# NEW MAO-B INHIBITOR, AUGMENTING THE SYSTEM

## Safinamide (Xadago)

- Reversibly inhibits the MAO-B enzyme
- Boosts natural dopamine and potentiates artificial dopamine
- 1x daily
- Similarity to rasagiline (Azilect) which is now generic but still expensive to some

**XADAGO**<sup>®</sup>  
(safinamide) tablets

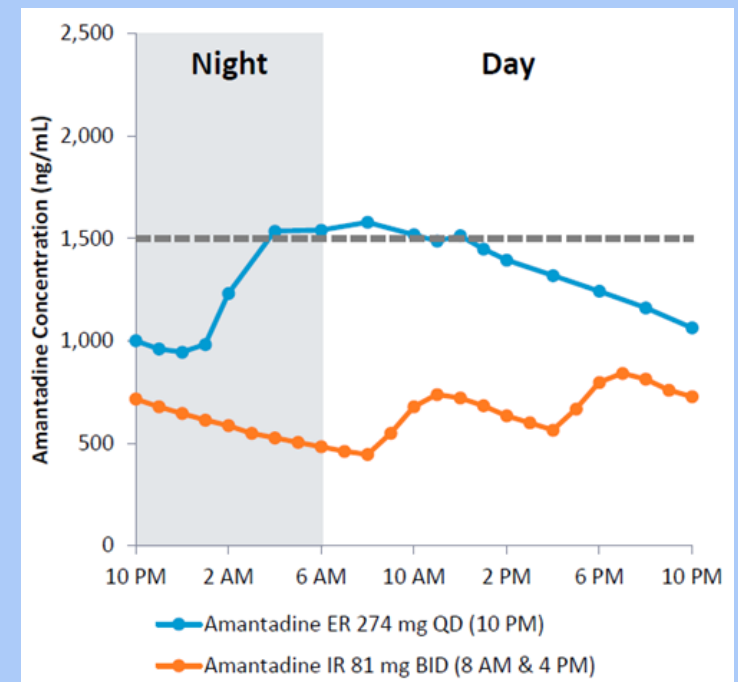


# LONGER-ACTING AMANTADINE

## Amantadine ER (Gocovri)

- 1x daily amantadine
- First “FDA approved” therapy for dyskinesia
  - Classic amantadine is ‘off label’
- Used to reduce dyskinesia (37% reduction)
- Reduced OFF time by 45%
- Available in 2 doses

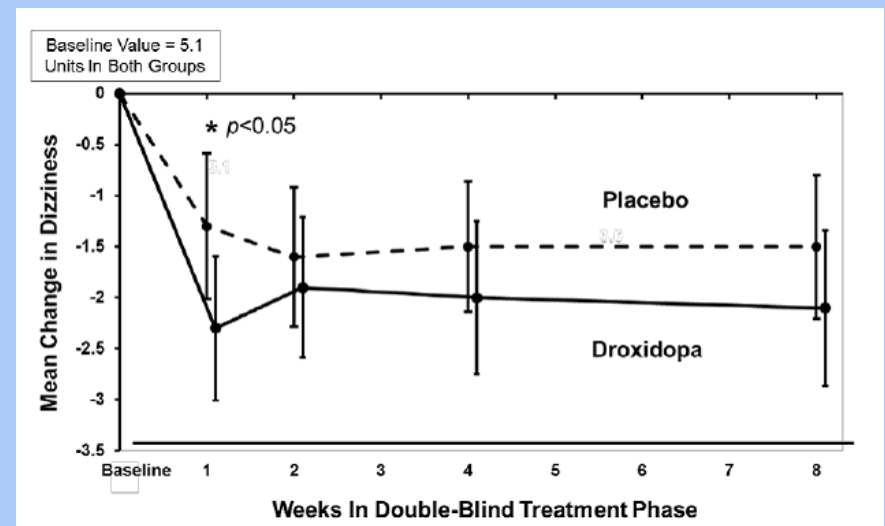
**GOCOVRI™**  
(amantadine) extended release capsules  
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# ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION

## Northera

- OH is common symptom of Parkinson's Disease
- Can be worsened by dopamine supplementation
- Prodrug for Norepinephrine, crosses BBB
- Peripheral Nervous system – increased BP, improved Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension
- Central Nervous system – attention? Gait? Falls?

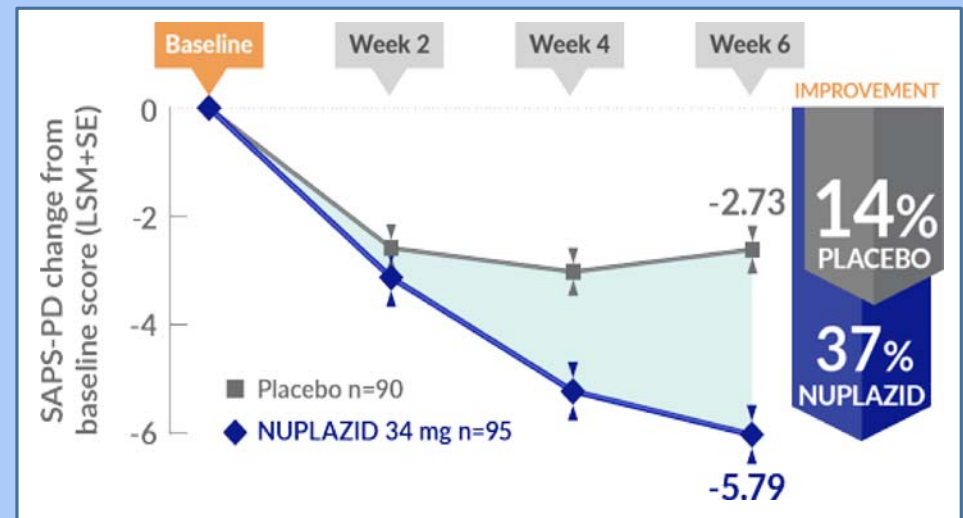


# HALLUCINATIONS AND PSYCHOSIS

## Nuplazid (Pimavanserin)

- First antipsychotic medication specifically designed for hallucinations and 'psychosis' associated with Parkinson's Dementia and Lewy Body Dementia.
- Serotonin Agonist with no impact on dopamine receptors
- Novel drug status
- + SAPS-PD improvement with no change in UPDRS

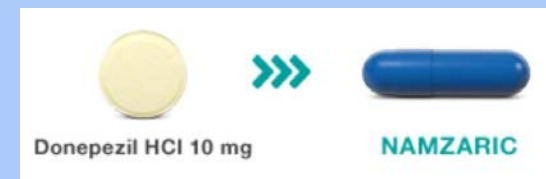
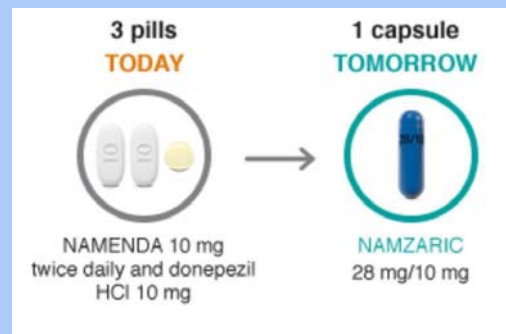
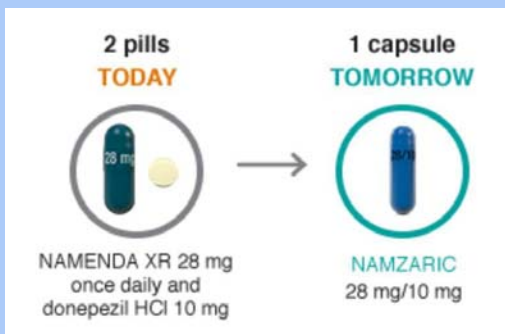
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(pimavanserin) tablets



# COMBINATION MEDICATION

## ■ Namzarin™ (Donepezil + Memantine)

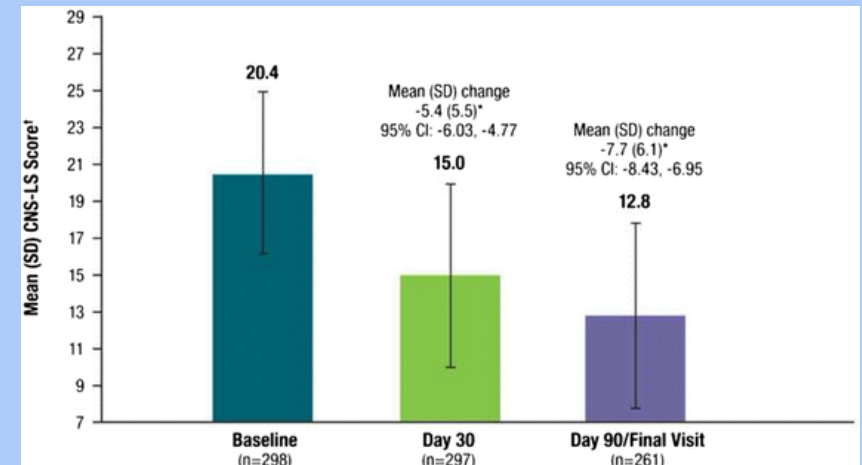
- Once a day combination of the two agents
- Moderate disease to severe.
- Can be opened and sprinkled to administer.



# PSEUDOBULBAR AFFECT

## Nuedexta

- “Uncontrollable episodes of crying and/or laughing, or other emotional displays.”
- Disconnect between emotion and display, or inappropriate display
- PRISM study – 26%, though up to 40% in PD
- CNS-LS Screening reflects symptoms
- Reduction in episodes at 90 days was 72.3%.



# PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL/SPEECH THERAPY

*LSVTBIG<sup>®</sup> and LSVTLOUD<sup>®</sup>*

But also non-LSVT Therapy aimed at  
balance/gait and strengthening



# TECHNOLOGY

- DUOPA Intestinal Gel
- Focused Ultrasound
- Deep Brain Stimulation

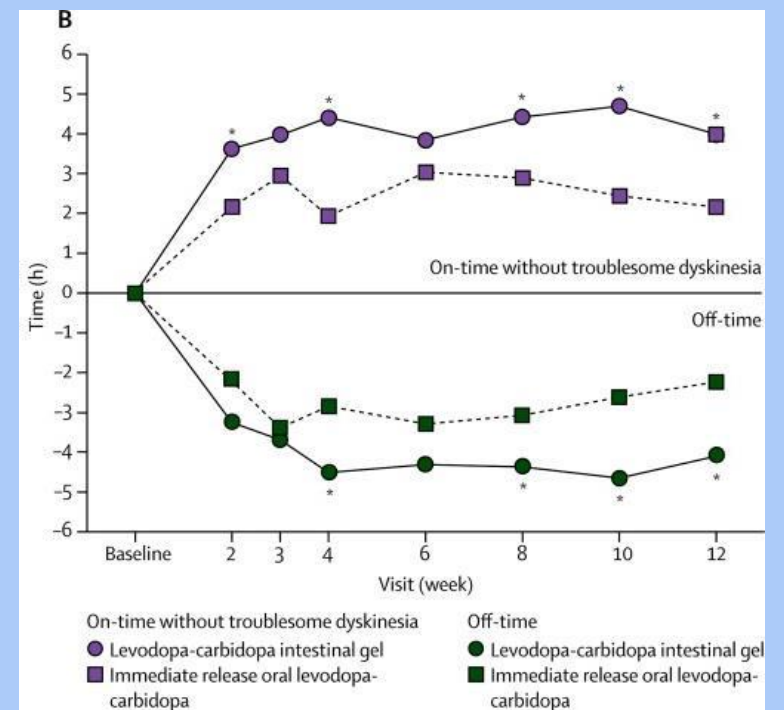




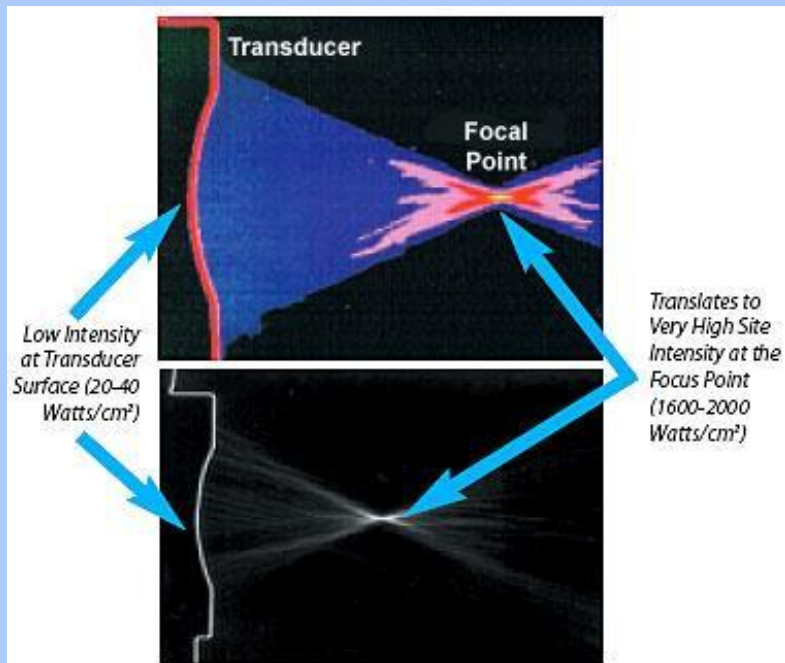
# CONSTANT DELIVERY OF LEVODOPA

## Duopa

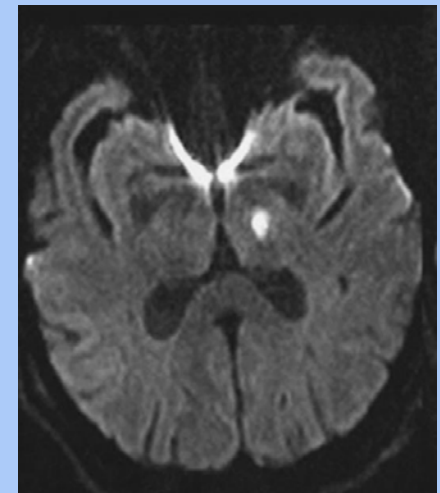
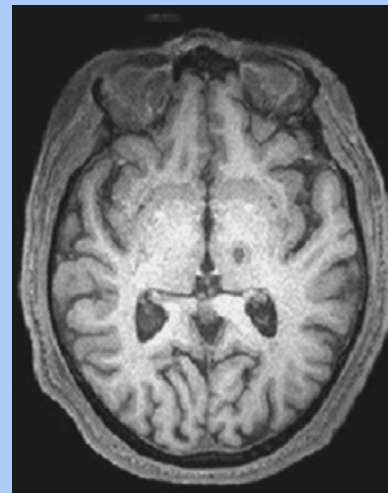
- Dopamine gel continuously administered via intra-intestinal pump
- Provides steady delivery of levodopa without the fluctuations of oral medication
- Off time decreased by 4h and on time increased by 4h<sup>1</sup>



# FOCUSED ULTRASOUND



- 1,000 ultrasound beams
- Non-invasive
- Creates focal lesion at target
- Still in research



“So far, the jury is out. We are, after all, burning a hole in the brain.”

# DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION (DBS)

**1990s – DBS emerged as safer treatment with significantly longer duration of action compared to lesioning; no ‘burnout’.**

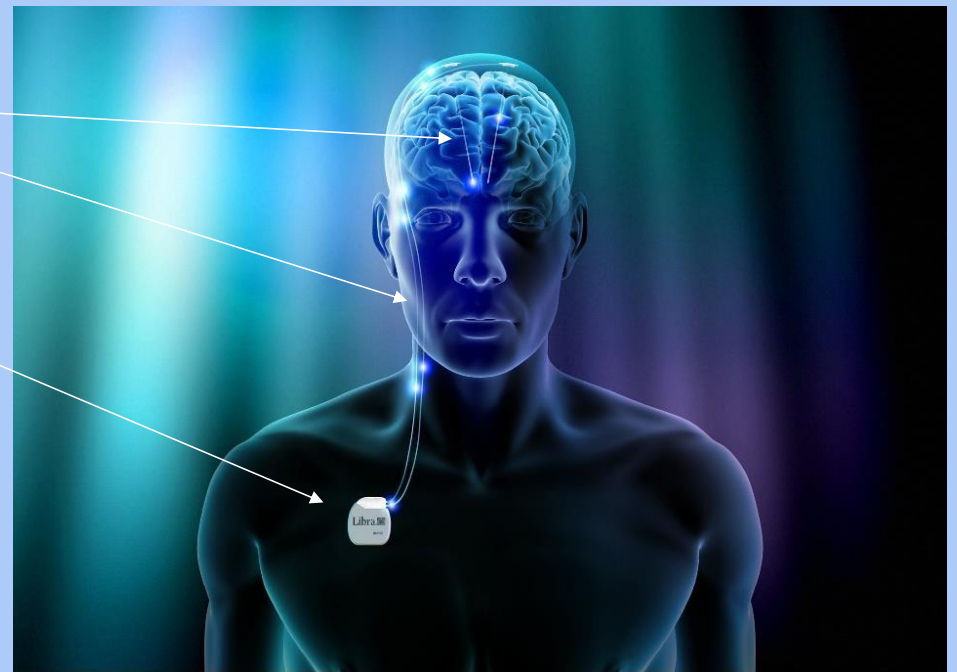
- Surgically implanted device to deliver a controlled stimulation of electricity to a specific region of the brain.
- Implanted in 2 step procedure, then programmed as outpatient.
- Unlike previous surgeries for PD (pallidotomy or thalamotomy), DBS does not damage healthy brain tissue by destroying nerve cells.
- Removable, if necessary, with little to no tissue damage.\*



\* Haberler et al. No tissue damage by chronic deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's disease. Ann Neurol. 2000 Sep; 48(3):372-6

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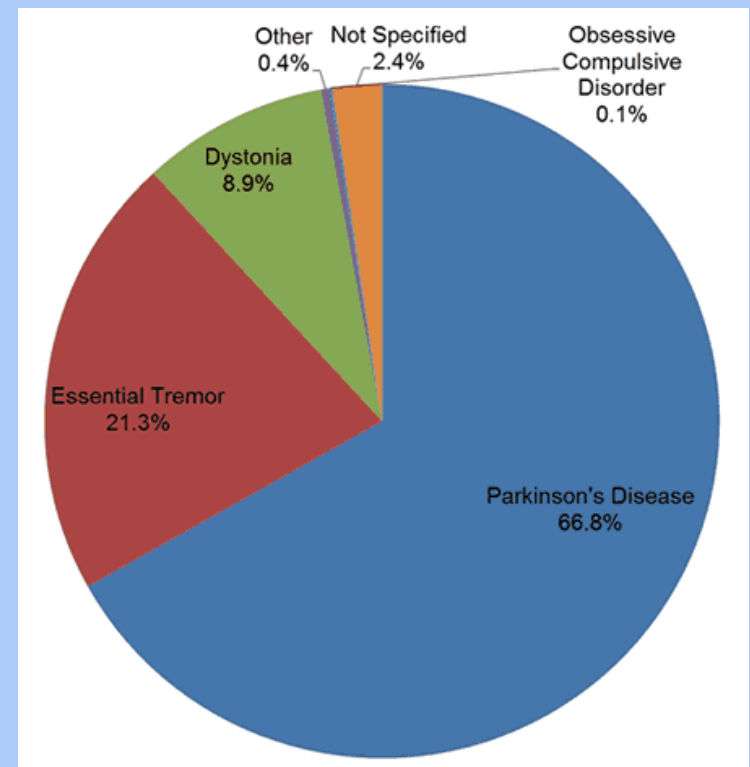
- The DBS system consists of three components:
  - Intracranial Lead
  - Extension connecting lead and generator
  - Implanted pulse generator (neurostimulator)
- Unilateral or bilateral leads
- Proper patient selection is key



# DBS INDICATIONS

- DBS is an FDA indicated surgical procedure for the treatment of movement disorders, such as:
  - Parkinson's Disease
  - Essential Tremor
  - Dystonia
- FDA approved:
  - Essential tremor in 1997
  - Parkinson's disease in 2002
  - Dystonia in 2003

Covered by all insurance providers.

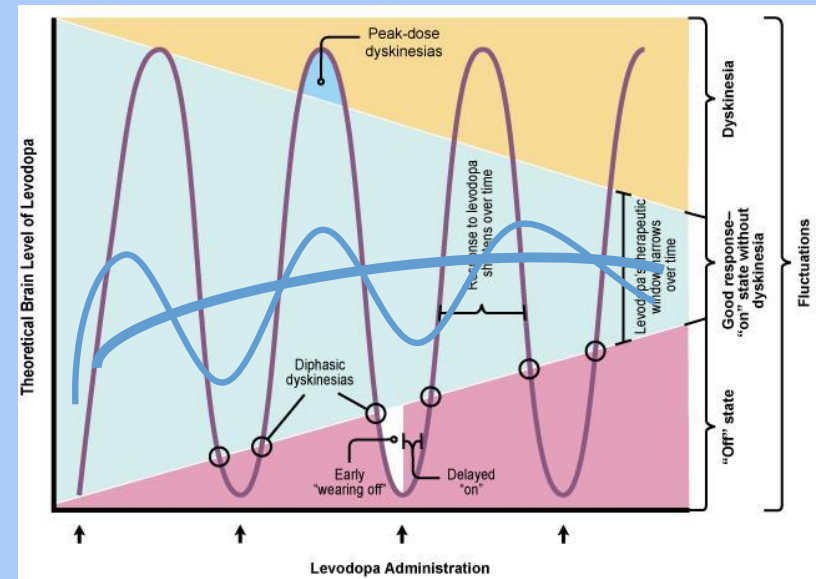


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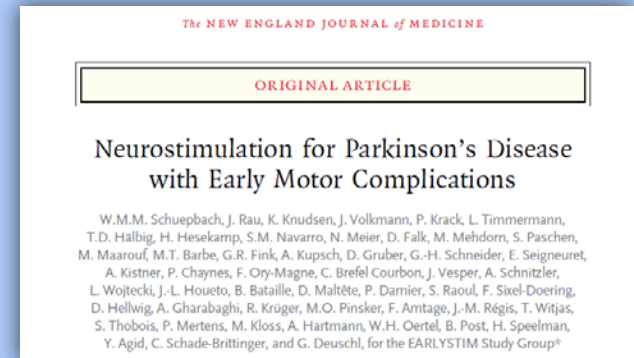
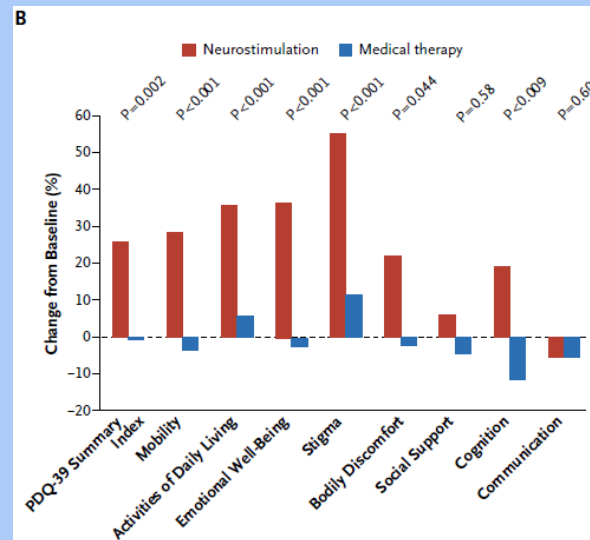
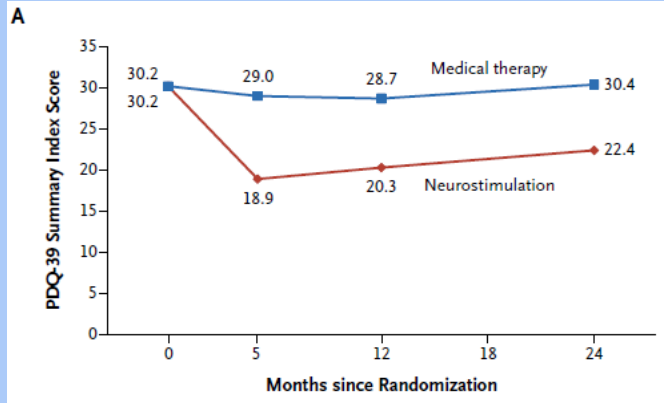
# BENEFIT FOR OUR PATIENTS

## Parkinson's Disease:

- **80-90%** of patients note improvement
  - **60%** reduction in medications
  - **60%** reduction in dyskinesias
  - **80%** improvement in “off” periods
  - **10%** improvement in “on” periods
  - **4.6 hours MORE** on time without dyskinesia
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- Reduction in medications leads to decrease in the following:
    - Cost
    - Side effects (nausea, orthostasis, cognitive change, and downstream dyskinesia risk)



# EARLY-STIM STUDY



- **Conclusions:** DBS was found to be superior to medical therapy in patients with PD and early motor complications

# REDUCTION IN MEDICATION COST AND POLYPHARMACY

- Medication costs over 24 months
  - Increased **72%** in optimal drug therapy (ODT)
  - Decreased **16%** in DBS+ODT
    - \$7,150 cost savings over study period
    - Projected to 10 years – \$64,590 savings
- Polypharmacy at 24 months
  - DBS+ ODT subjects were **80%** less likely to require polypharmacy compared to ODT subjects

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## Research Report

### Subthalamic Nucleus Deep Brain Stimulation May Reduce Medication Costs in Early Stage Parkinson's Disease

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# REDUCTION IN MEDICATION COST AND POLYPHARMACY

- Same group, followed out to **5 years**
- Polypharmacy at 5 years
  - ODT increased from 43% to 93%
  - DBS+ODT from 36% to 43%

## Subthalamic Nucleus Deep Brain Stimulation in Early Stage Parkinson's Disease Reduces the Risk of Polypharmacy: Five-Year Analysis

*M. Hacker, M. Turchan, A. Currie, L. Heusinkveld, S. Millan, T. Davis, F. Phibbs, P. Hedera, P. Konrad, D. Charles (Nashville, TN, USA)*

Meeting: 21st International Congress

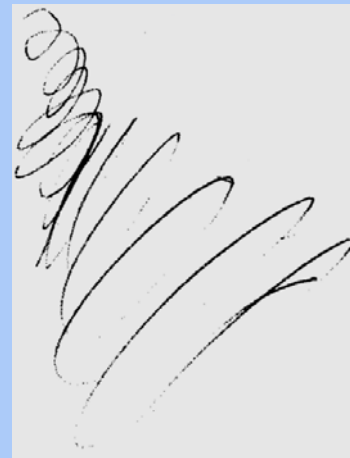
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**Conclusions:** These results suggest that people with early stage PD treated with medications alone are 17 times more likely to require polypharmacy after five years compared to those treated with STN-DBS.

# BENEFIT FOR OUR PATIENTS

## Essential Tremor:

- **80% improvement in tremor.**
  - **70% improvement in handwriting.**
  - **Significant reduction in medications with possibility of stopping medication.**
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- **Reduction in medications leads to decrease in the following:**
    - Cost
    - Side effects (cognitive change, fatigue, lethargy, etc.)



Pre DBS on high dose  
Primidone



Post DBS on no  
medication

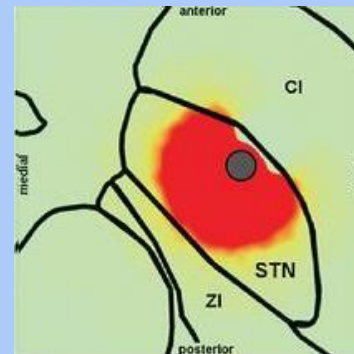
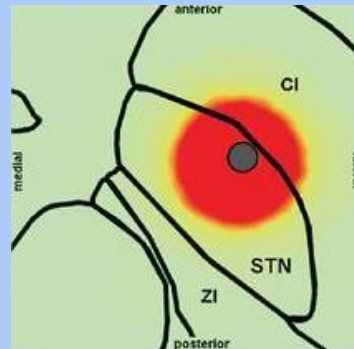
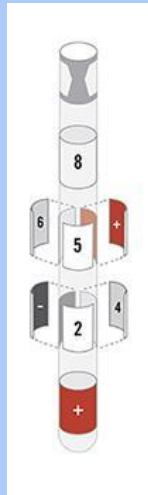
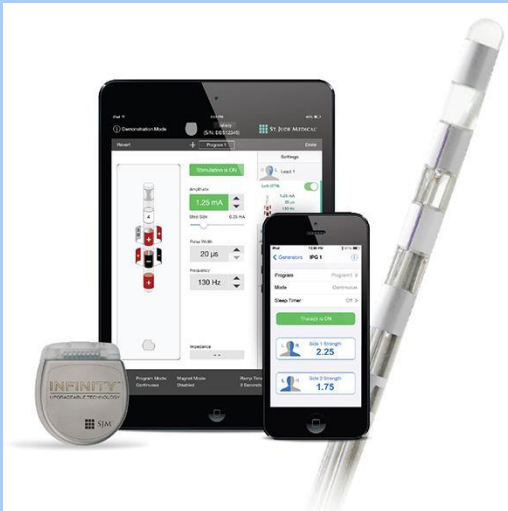
# WHO IS A CANDIDATE

- A good candidate for DBS per our center:

1. Parkinson's Disease at least 4 yrs (FDA indication)
2. Experiencing a response to medication
3. Experiencing the on-off fluctuation of medication
4. Able to participate in care
5. Good surgical candidate
6. No diagnosed dementia or severe psychiatric disorder

# AN EXPANDING FIELD

- Directional stimulation
- Improved technology
- Smaller technology, thinner
- Longer battery life



# OPTIONS = GOOD FOR PATIENTS



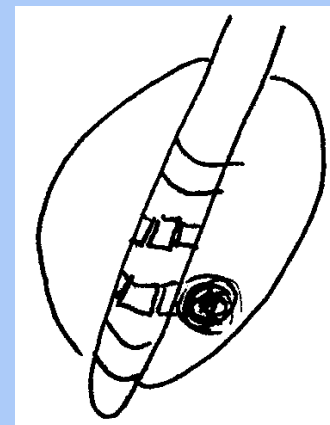
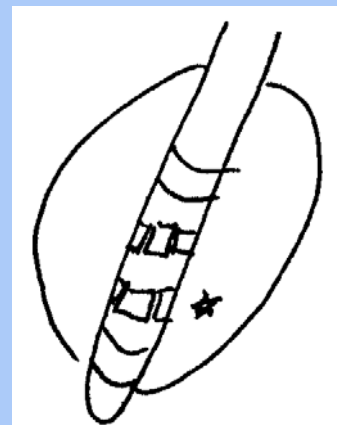
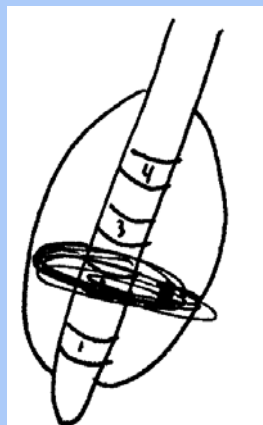
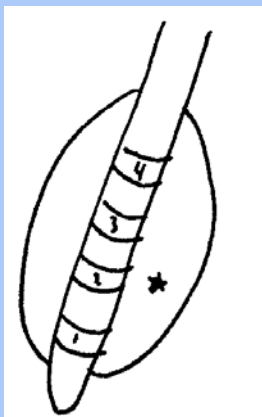
## ■ MEDTRONIC SYSTEM

- Has been around for 20 years.
- Created the technology and built the industry.
- Still a great system where people get better, and widely used.
- MRI approved.
- Non-Directional.
- Voltage based.
- Older technology

## ■ ABBOTT/ST. JUDE SYSTEM

- New player on the block.
- Integrated the last 20 years of research.
  - Directional stimulation.
  - Current based.
- Truly wireless and built on Apple platform – user designed.
- Updateable.
- Improved hardware, lower profile.
- No MRI approval yet.

# VISUALIZATION



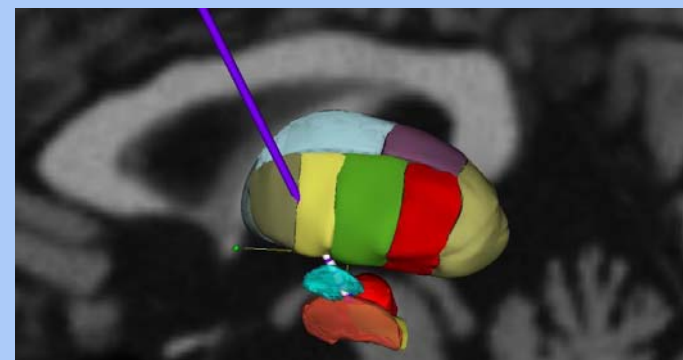
# MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

*A team approach is key to a successful outcome.*

- Cognitive evaluation
  - Full Neuropsychiatric testing
- Psychiatric evaluation, if necessary
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy
- Neurosurgical evaluation
  - Work together for pre-surgical planning
    - GPI vs STN, Unilateral vs Bilateral
  - Intra-operative cooperation
- Movement Disorders Specialist

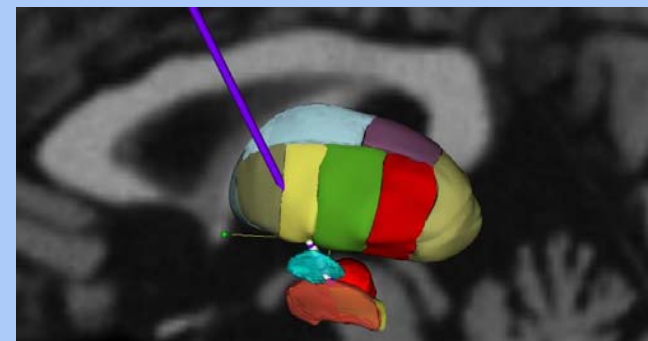


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## TO THE FUTURE

- Longer-acting levodopa formulations (10 hours or greater)
- New MAO-B and COMT inhibitors
- Inhaled or sublingual formulations
- Improved technology
- Targeted protein therapy
- Cure

All of this equals

**HOPE**

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