### How will Parkinson's Disease Affect Me?

The Non-Motor Manifestations of Parkinson's Disease

Ashvini P. Premkumar, MD NorthShore University HealthSystem

#### Introduction

#### **Features of Parkinson's Disease**

#### Motor

Bradykinesia

Rigidity

Tremor

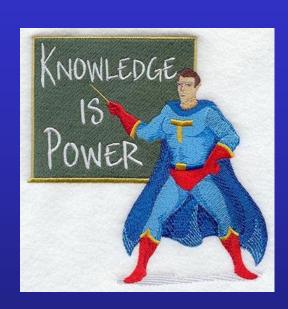
Postural Instability

#### Introduction

Features of Parkinson's Disease		
Motor	Non-Motor	
Bradykinesia	Alteration in memory, mood, and thinking (neuropsychiatric)	
Rigidity	Sleep Disorders	
Tremor	Autonomic Symptoms	
	Gastrointestinal Symptoms	
	Sensory Symptoms	
Postural Instability		

# Why are we talking about the Non-Motor Symptoms?

- They are not commonly addressed by general neurologists but...
  - 1. These symptoms can impact your quality of life and can be overlooked
  - 2. Education can be empowering
    - These symptoms can be treated if addressed!



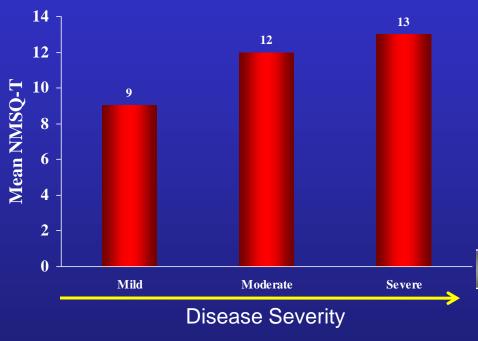
# Prevalence of Non-Motor Symptoms

- Studies have established that Non-Motor Symptoms (NMS) occur in over 90% of patients across all stages of disease
  - Not just a sign of "normal aging"

### Most Common Nonmotor Symptoms

NMS	Percent
Dribbling of saliva	41.5%
Constipation	52.5%
Urgency	55.8%
Nocturia	61.9%
Memory	44.9%
Concentration	45.7%
Depression	50.1%
Anxiety	45.3%
Insomnia	45.7%

# Prevalence of NMS increases with disease stage and duration



<b>Disease Duration (y)</b>	Mean NMSQ-T
< 5	8.5
5-9	10.6
10-14	11.9
≥ 15	12.8

### Progression and Natural History

- Studies to define the progression rate of non-motor symptoms are few
- Some symptoms such as excessive daytime sleepiness are thought to progress, other symptoms such as loss of smell and dream enactment behavior may remain static or improve

#### Gender Differences

#### Women

- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Constipation
- Restless Legs
- Pain

#### Men

- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Drooling
- Sexual dysfunction



### Impact of Non-Motor Symptoms

- Non-motor symptoms must be considered when treating Parkinson's disease
  - In fact, in a survey of 163 patients, most patients rated their non-motor symptoms to be more troubling than their motor symptoms

# Presentation of Non-Motor Symptoms

- Non-motor symptoms can precede the motor manifestations of Parkinson's disease
  - Problems with smell
  - Constipation
  - Depression
  - Sleep disorders



# What are the Non-Motor Symptoms?

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory symptoms

# What are the Non-Motor Symptoms?

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory symptoms

# What are Neuropsychiatric Symptoms?

- Loss of pleasure/apathy
- Anxiety
- Attention deficit
- Hallucinations/Psychosis/Delusions
- Obsessive behavior
- Dementia
- Depression

#### Dementia

AN

#### ESSAY

ON THE

#### SHAKING PALSY.

#### CHAPTER I.

DEFINITION-HISTORY-ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.

SHAKING PALSY, (Paralysis Agitans.)

Involuntary tremulous motion, with lessened muscular power, in parts not in action and even when supported; with a propensity to bend the trunk forward, and to pass from a walking to a running pace: the

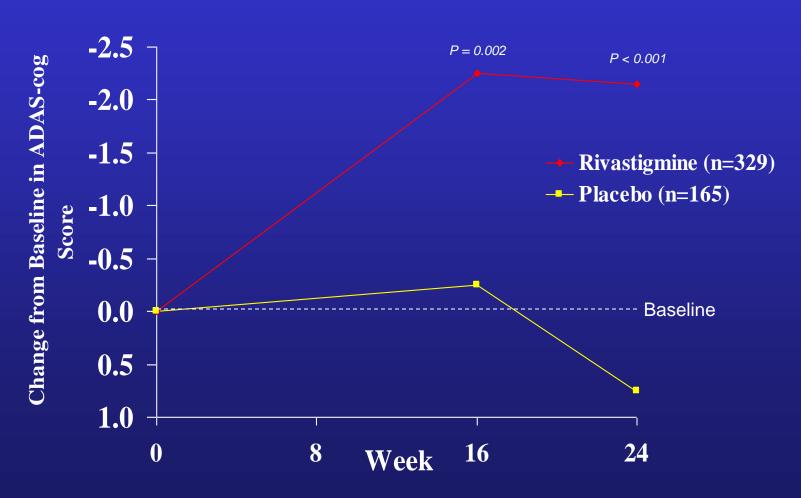
being uninjured.

... the senses and intellects being uninjured.

#### Can we treat the dementia?

 A randomized double blind placebo controlled trial of 541 patients compared rivastigmine with a placebo drug

### Management – Cholinesterase Inhibitors

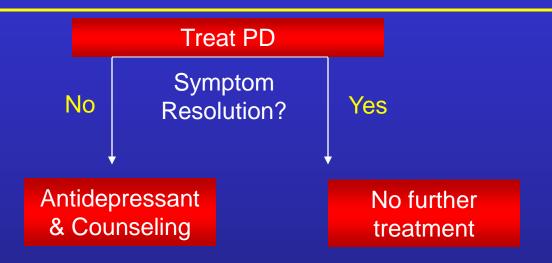


### Depression

- Affects 10-45% of PD patients<sup>1</sup>
- Can precede the motor symptoms in approximately 30% of PD patients <sup>1</sup>
- It has been shown that patients are not depressed just because of Parkinson's disease, but from Parkinson's disease<sup>2</sup>



### Management of Depression



### Nonmotor Symptom Complex

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory Symptoms

### What are Autonomic Symptoms?

- Urination difficulties
- Body temperature dysfunction
- Low blood pressure when standing
- Sexual dysfunction
- Dry eyes
- Constipation

### **Body Temperature Dysfunction**

 During an off period, patients with Parkinson's disease may have profound sweating



### **Blood Pressure Changes**

- In Parkinson's Disease, you may get a drop in blood pressure when you stand.
- This is due to
  - Parkinson's Disease itself
  - Medications
  - Combination of both

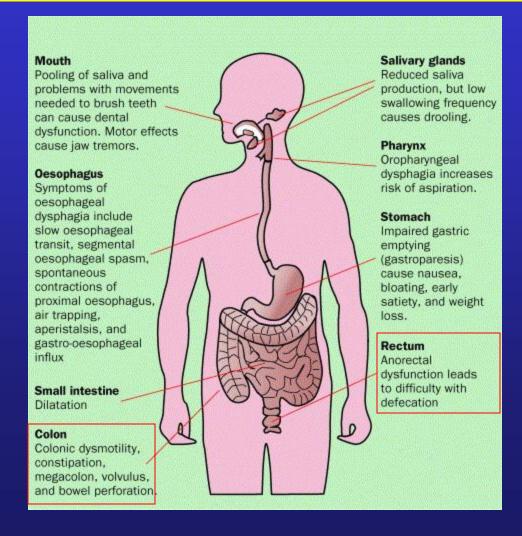
### **Blood Pressure Changes**

- There are treatments for these changes in blood pressure
  - Medication reduction
  - Increase fluid and salt consumption
  - Compression hose
  - Raising the head of bed at night
  - If all this fails, there are medications to increase your blood pressure

### Nonmotor Symptom Complex

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory Symptoms

### Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease



### Constipation is Common in Parkinson's Disease

- Occurs in between 20-27% of PD patients
- Presumably due to increased colon transit time

# Slow Transit Constipation Anorectal Dysfunction Increase fluid and fiber intake Add stool softener (e.g. colace) Add osmotic laxative or polyethylene glycol (Miralax) Sacral nerve stimulator Botulinum toxin

### Non-motor Symptom Complex

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory Symptoms

# Why am I always so sleepy? (Excessive daytime somnolence)

- What are the causes?
  - Fragmented sleep
    - Restless legs
    - Periodic limb movements
    - Sleep apnea
    - REM Sleep Behavior Disorder
    - Wearing "off" of medications
    - Unable to fall asleep or fall "back asleep"
  - Parkinson's medications
  - Parkinson's itself



### Sleepiness may be a sign of PD

- Honolulu Asia Aging study
  - Having EDS was associated with a 3-fold increased risk in development of PD

### Managing the Sleepiness

- Get a good night's sleep
  - Practice good sleep hygeine
  - Treat restless legs or REM sleep behavior disorder
  - Optimize Parkinson's medication
  - Sleep study
- If associated with administration of medication
  - Consider reduction or switch to another agent
- If no cause is found and no response to change in therapy
  - Consider stimulants (limited by side effects and insurance coverage)

### Nonmotor Symptom Complex

- Neuropsychiatric Symptoms
- Autonomic Symptoms
- Gastrointestinal Symptoms
- Sleep Disorders
- Sensory Symptoms

### Sensory Symptoms

- Changes in vision
- Loss of smell
- Pain
  - Sometimes it is unclear whether due to arthritis or Parkinson's
    - Does it respond to Parkinson's medications?

### Summary

- Managing Parkinson's disease means managing more than the tremor
- Nonmotor symptoms can have a profound impact on quality of life
- Need to be addressed!