

# ADVANCED TREATMENTS



Therapeutic options for those with fluctuating symptoms in  
Parkinson's Disease

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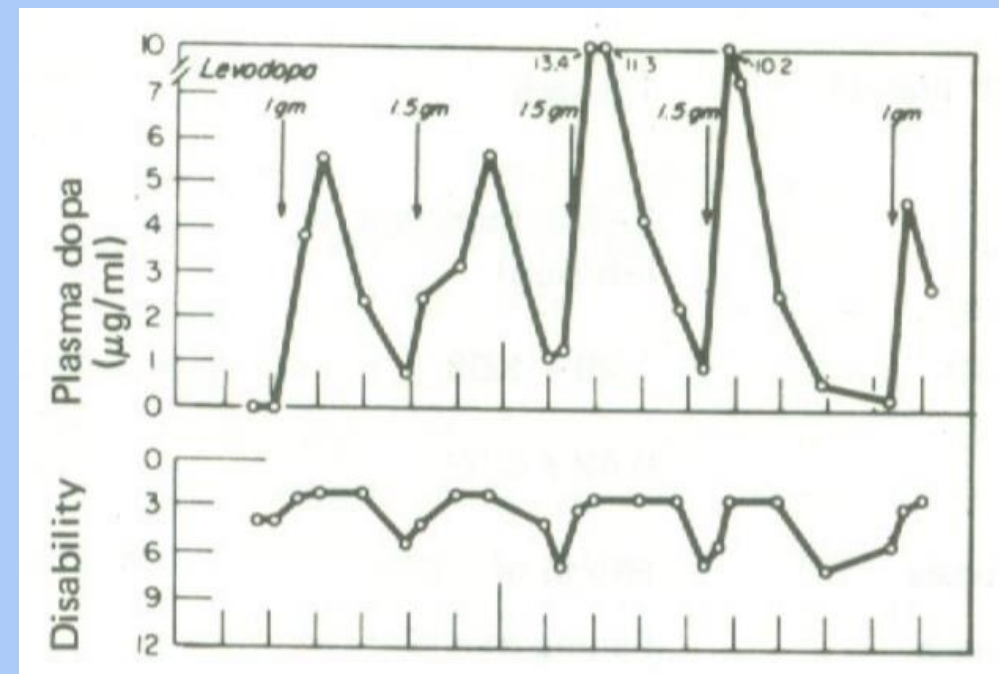
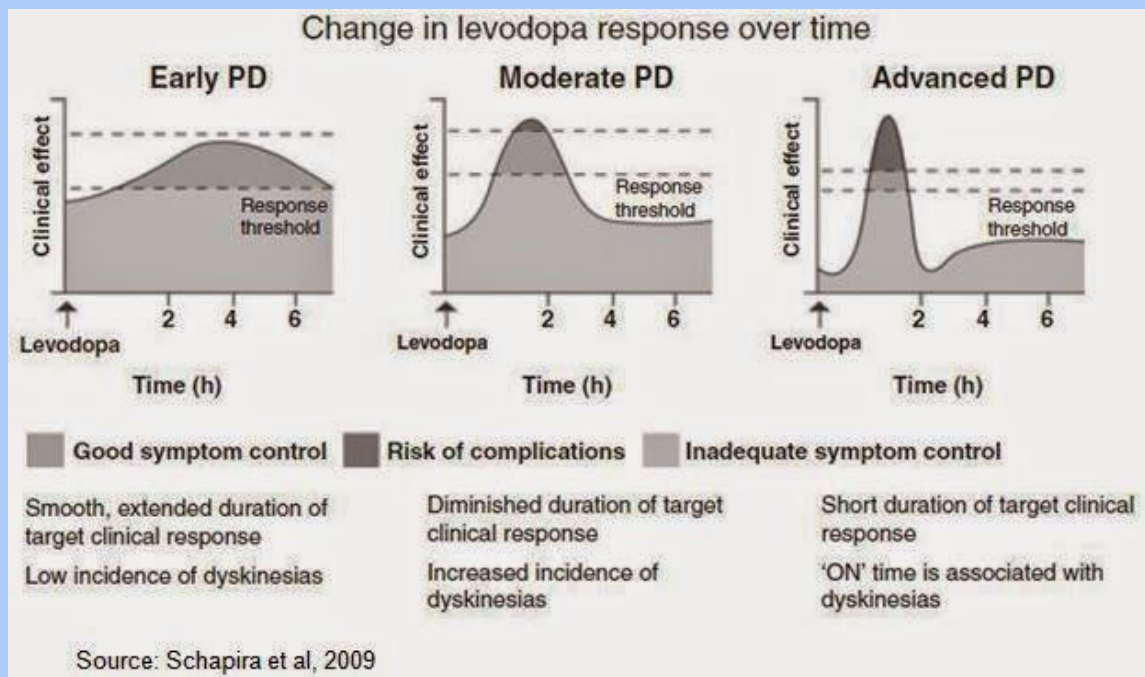
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## 1. The disease itself



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- 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)
- 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**



# APPROACH TO THERAPY

## Classic

vs

## Contemporary

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

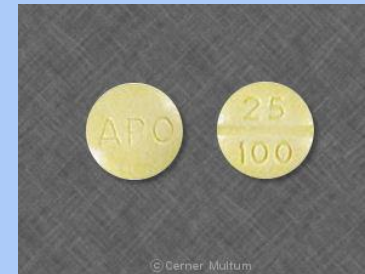
- Predictable and long acting
- Low doses, multiple targets
- “Rational polypharmacy”
- Employ technology earlier
  
- Smoother
- Reduced side effects
- More evergreen

# EXPANDED TOOLBOX UP UNTIL 3 YEARS AGO

- Dopamine Agonist



- Carbidopa/Levodopa formulation



- MAOB inhibitor

- COMT inhibitor

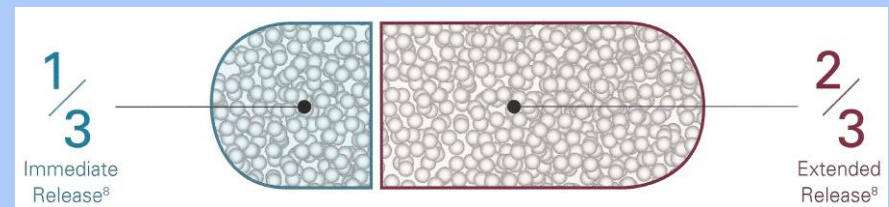
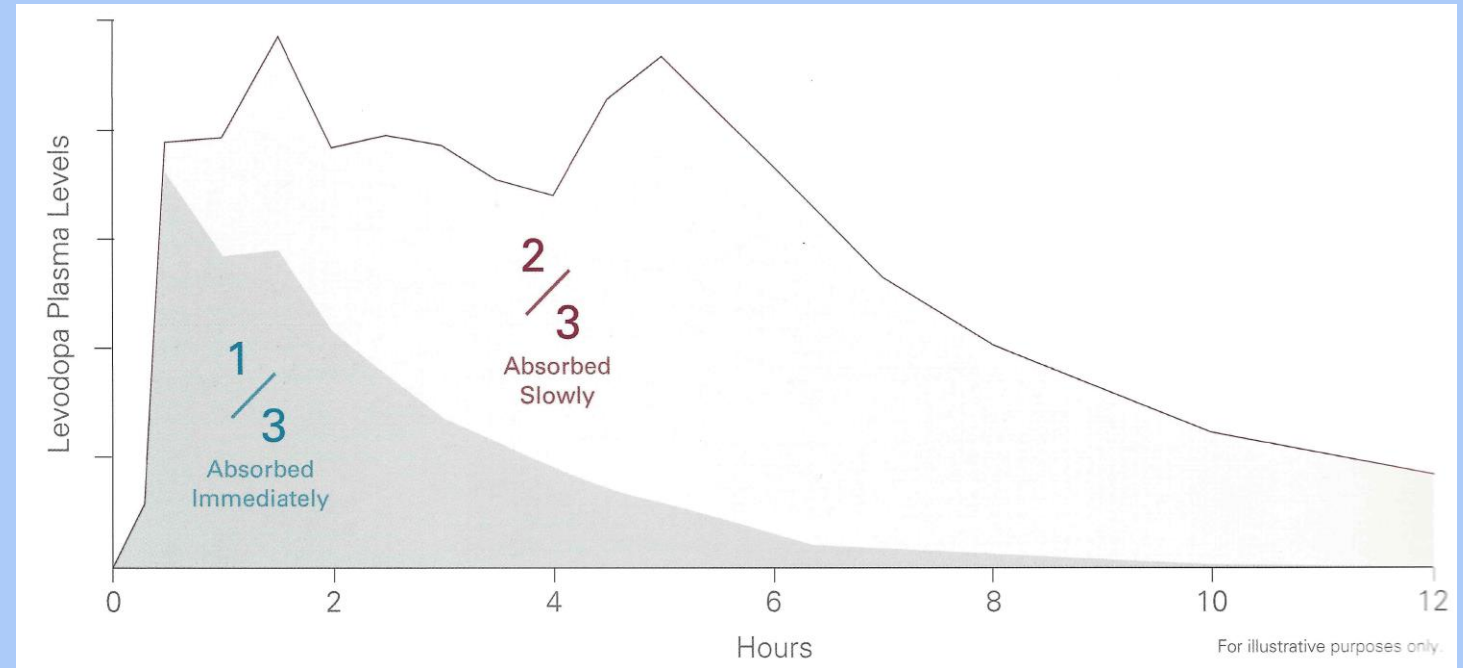
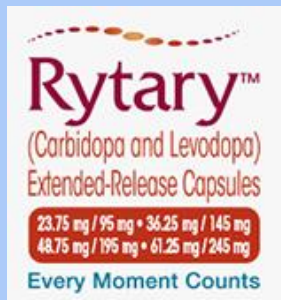




# NEW FORMULATION

## Rytary™

- 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

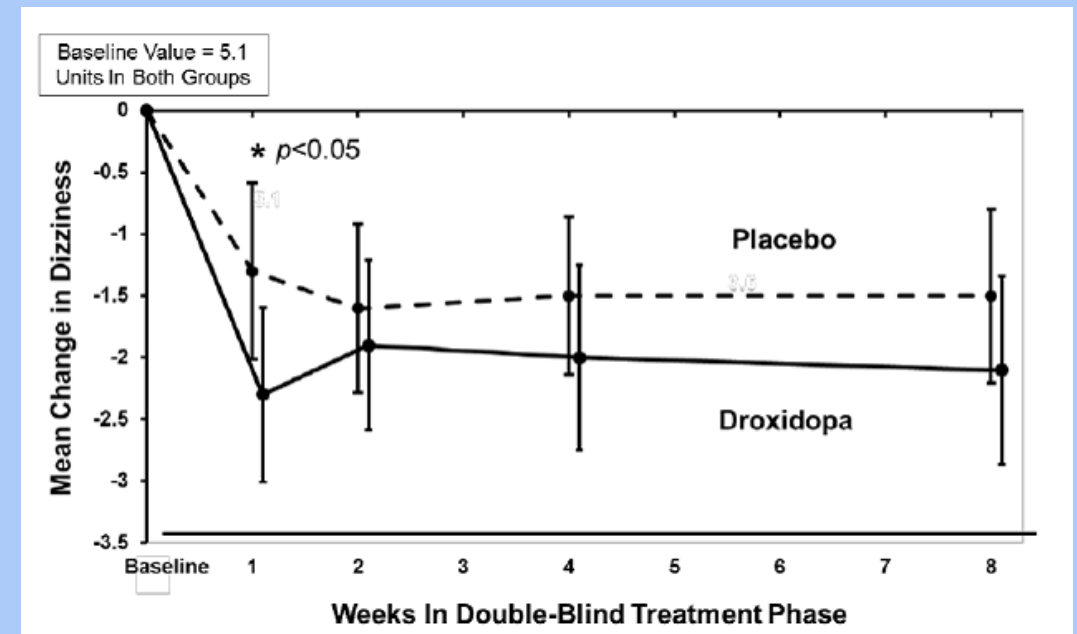
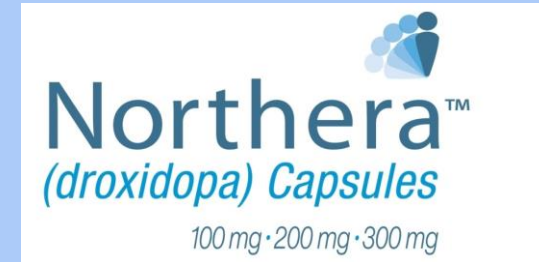




# ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION

## 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?

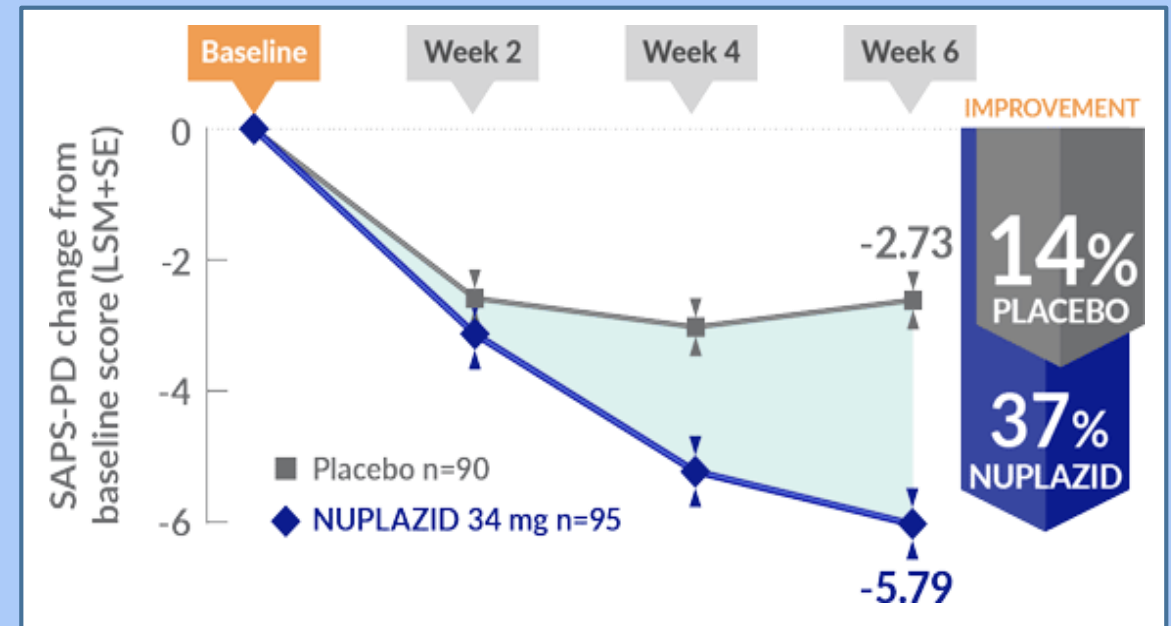


# HALLUCINATIONS AND PSYCHOSIS

## Nuplazid (Pimavanserin)<sup>TM</sup>

- 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

**NUPLAZID<sup>TM</sup>**  
(pimavanserin) tablets



# BOTULINUM TOXIN INJECTIONS

- 2015 Systematic review - “strong evidence” (Level 1) that instrument guidance with EMG and ultrasound was more effective in toxin placement.<sup>1</sup>
- EMG guided – pain and/or muscle spasm
  - Cervical dystonia
  - Segmental dystonia of arms/legs/neck/trunk
  - Writer’s cramp
  - Blepharospasm, hemifacial spasm
  - Tremor
- Excessive drooling (sialorrhea)



1) Grigoriu et al. “Impact of injection-guiding techniques on the effectiveness of botulinum toxin for the treatment of focal spasticity and dystonia: a systematic review.” Arch Phys Med Rehabil. 2015 May 13.

# TECHNOLOGY

- **DUOPA Intestinal Gel**
- **Focused Ultrasound**
- **Deep Brain Stimulation**

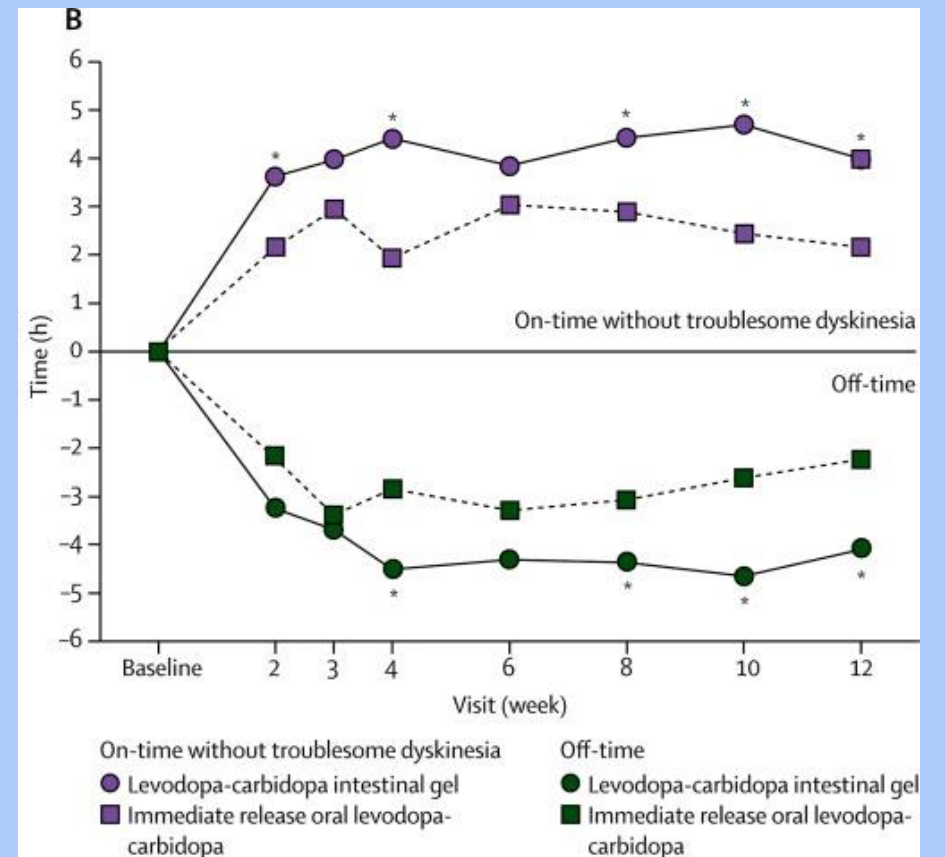


# CONSTANT DELIVERY OF LEVODOPA

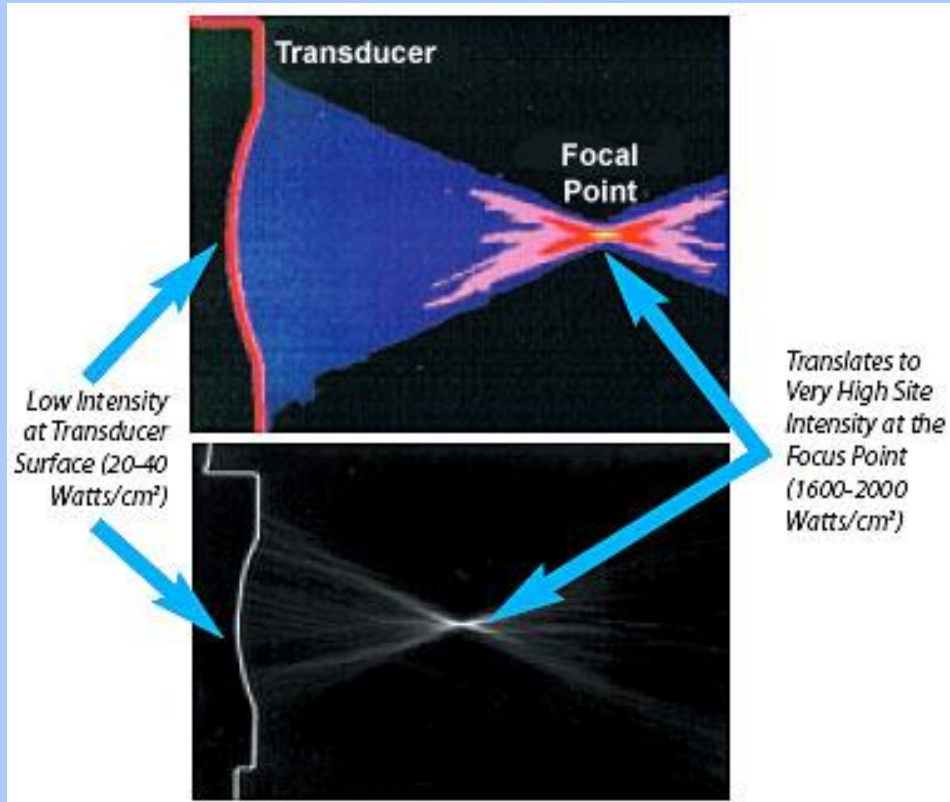
## Duopa™

- 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>

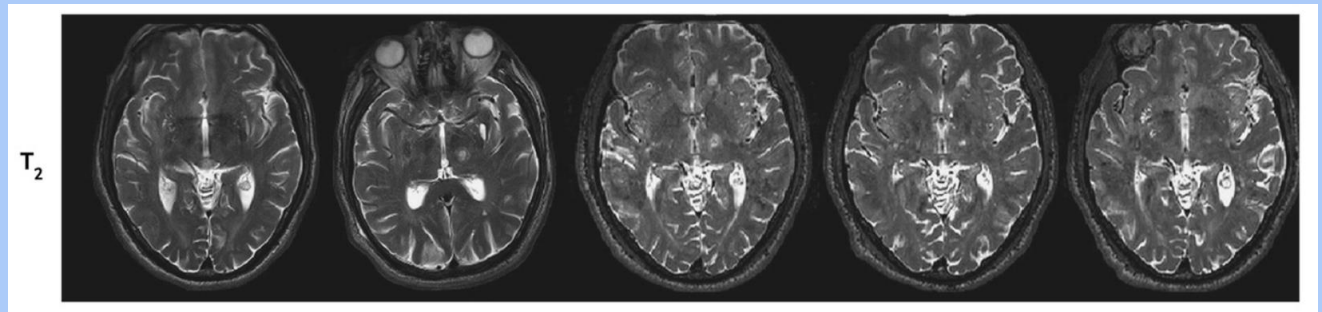
**Duopa**  
carbidopa/levodopa  
enteral suspension  
4.63 mg/20 mg per mL



# FOCUSED ULTRASOUND



- 1,000 ultrasound beams
- Non-invasive
- Creates focal lesion at target
- Still in research
  
- New approach to an old technique?
- Too early for long-term results?



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



# DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION (DBS)

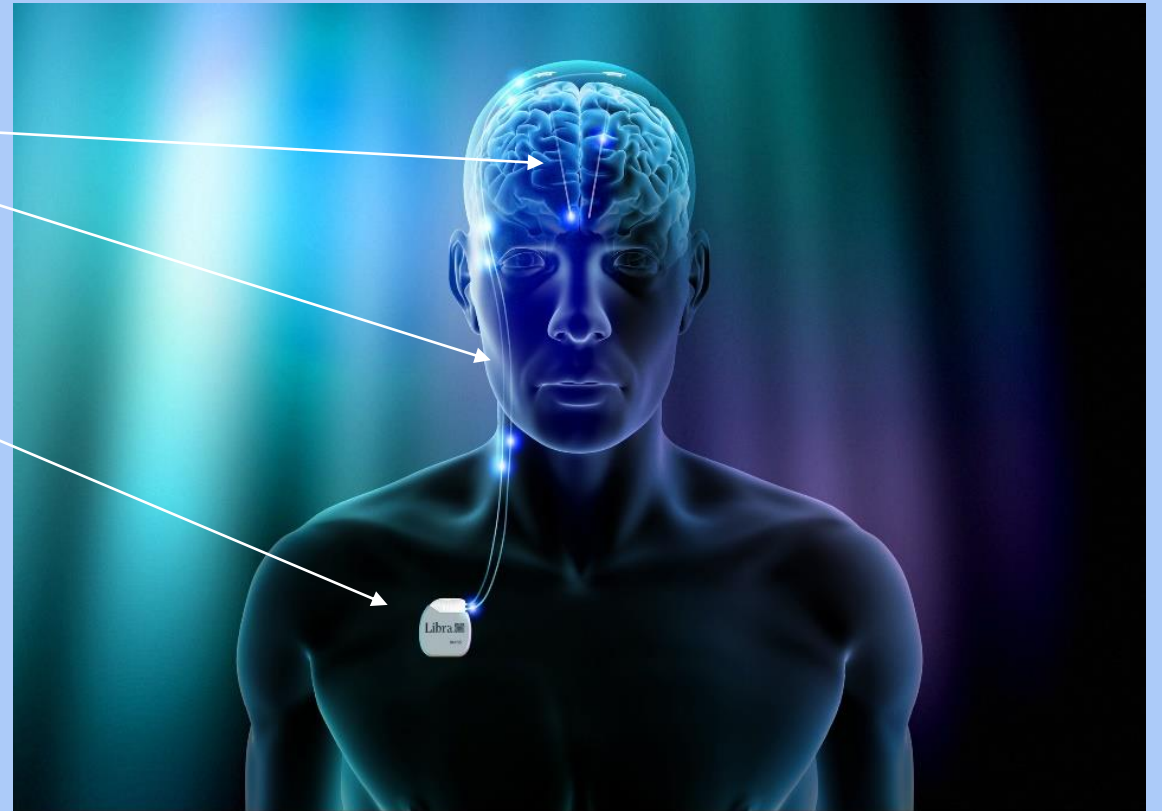
**1990s – DBS emerged as safer treatment with significantly longer duration of action compared to lesioning; no ‘burnout’.**

- 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.\*



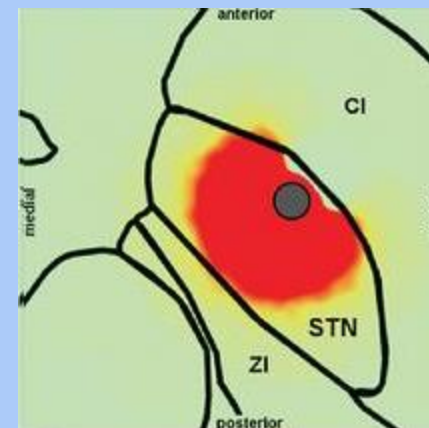
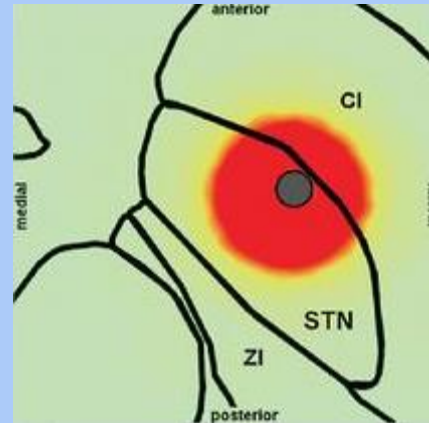
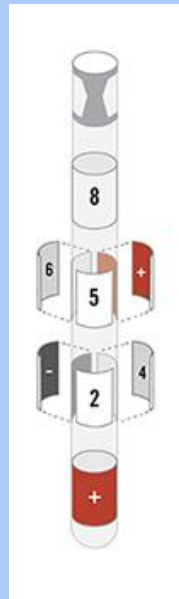
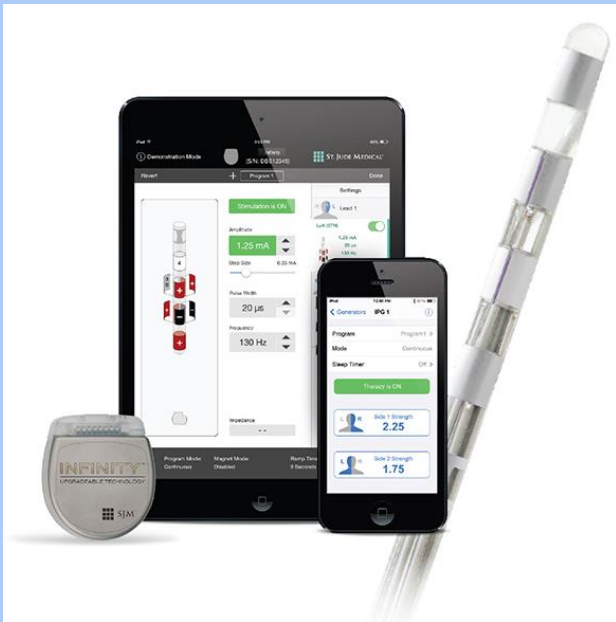
# DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION (DBS)

- 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



# AN EXPANDING FIELD

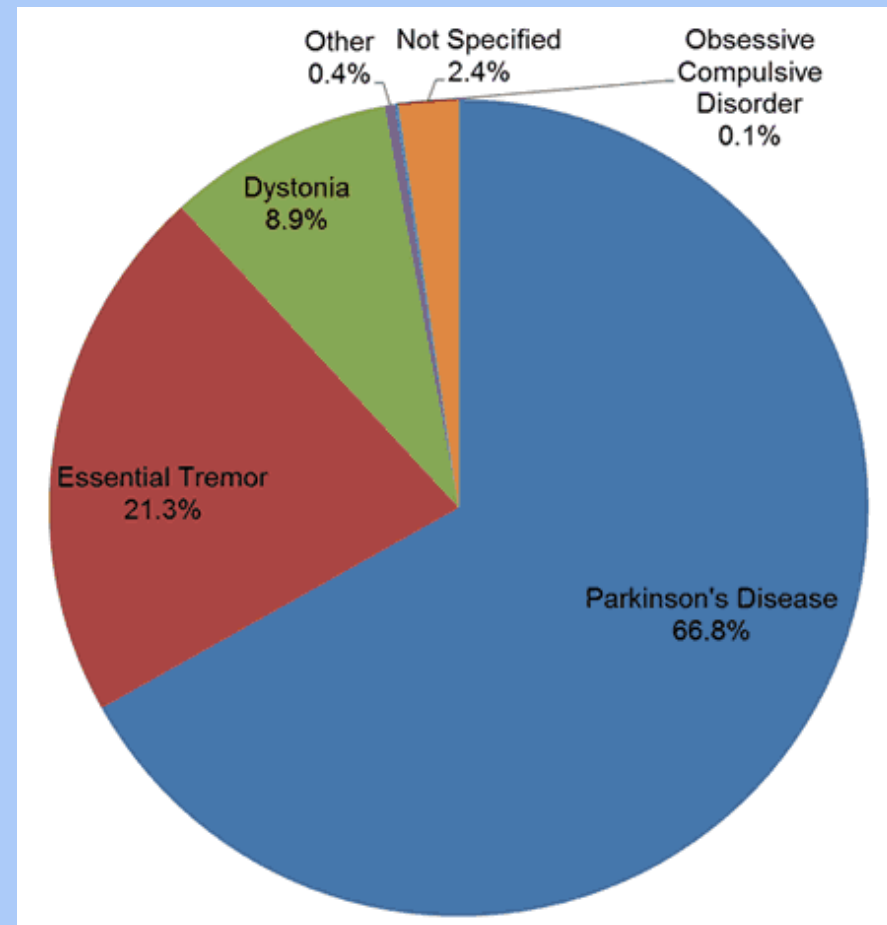
- Directional stimulation
- Improved technology
- Smaller technology, thinner
- Longer battery life



# 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

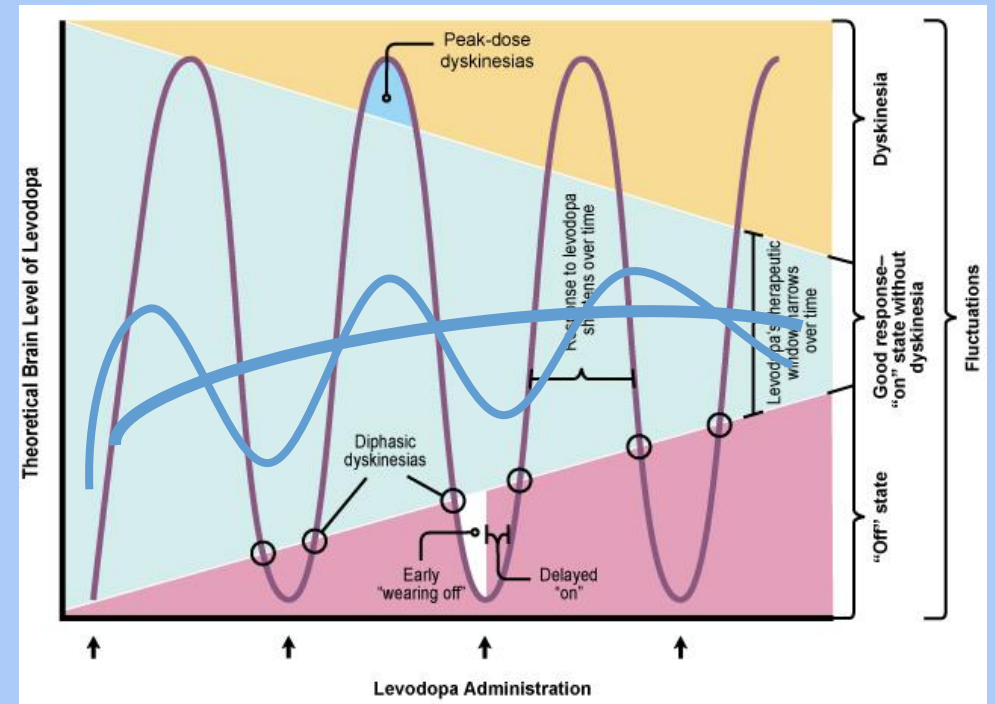
Covered by all insurance providers.



# 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
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- Reduction in medications leads to decrease in the following:
    - Cost
    - Side effects (nausea, orthostasis, cognitive change, and downstream dyskinesia risk)



# WHO IS A CANDIDATE

- A good candidate for DBS per our center:

1. Parkinson's Disease at least 3 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



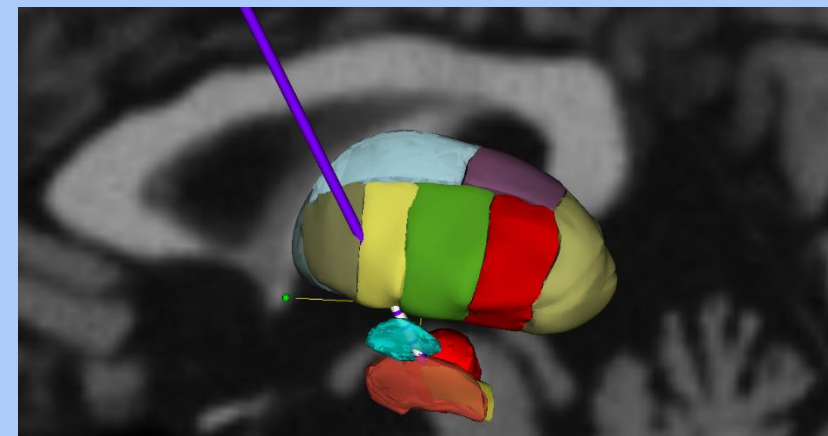
# MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

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

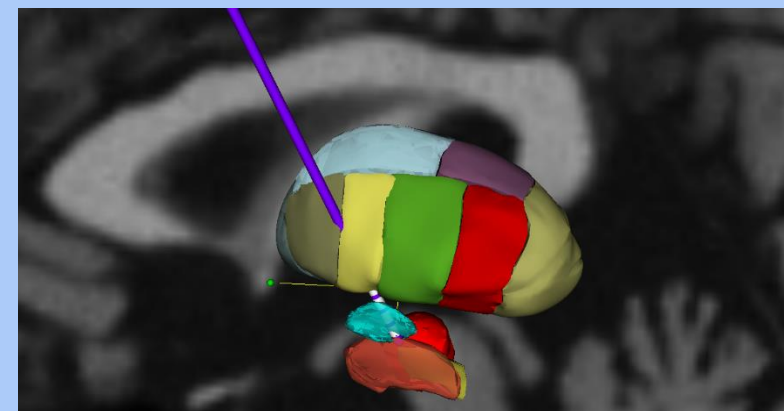
- Cognitive evaluation
  - Full Neuropsychiatric testing
- Psychiatric evaluation, if necessary
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy
- Neurosurgical evaluation
  - Work together for pre-surgical planning
    - GPI vs STN, Unilateral vs Bilateral
  - Intra-operative cooperation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

# THANK YOU



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