**SUMMER 2020** 

# THE PARKINSON PATH

The Parkinson Association of Northern California is an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with Parkinson's, their families and care partners.



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### **Nutrition and Parkinson's**

Norika Malhado-Chang, MD Associate Professor of Neurology, UC Davis and

### Erin Lavin, RD, CNSC Senior Neuroscience Dietitian, UC Davis

We all know the adage, "You Are What You Eat!" but we are now learning that this is more important than ever in neurological conditions such as Parkinson's. While there is no specific "Parkinson's Diet," nutrition has been found to have an increasingly important role in delaying disease progression. Here is a quick to-do list to make your food work best for you.

### • Make sure you are eating enough

 Research has shown that unintentional weight loss and muscle loss is associated with loss of independence and increased PD severity.

### • Add an additional fresh fruit or vegetable to your day

 Better yet, add both! Fresh fruits (particularly berries) and vegetables are mainstays of popular diets researched regarding Parkinson's. These include the Mediterranean Diet and the MIND Diet where both have been associated with delayed disease progression.





Whole grains and foods such as beans and nuts are richer in fiber than their refined counterparts.
 Fiber can be helpful with managing constipation and some smaller trials have found that additional fiber or psyllium husk may lead to more stable Levodopa concentrations.

A note about supplements: There is not a lot of significant research showing benefit to particular supplements (such as Co-Q10) and some (such as turmeric) may have interactions with your medications. Please check with your provider before use.

We may need to make some adjustments to the timing of our meals if we are taking levodopa (such as Sinemet or

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### **New Board Member**

Introducing Eric Jones, our newest board member. Eric is a medical student at California Northstate University. His interests center around movement disorders, as his late grandfather suffered with Parkinson's Disease. In experiencing the progression and debilitating nature of the disease, Eric also understood the significant impact of support groups, exercise, and caregivers to name a few things. Now a medical student, Eric joined PANC to serve as a bridge to the newer generation of providers, helping empower patients with the tools to best manage this disease. Eric has fundraised over \$1,500 in his community through local events, and aims to bring a renewed energy of Parkinson's awareness to fellow medical students and future providers of Northern California.

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### **A Message from our Executive Director**



### **Dear PANC Community:**

Hello, my name is Barbara Fleck. I am the new Executive Director for the Parkinson Association of Northern California (PANC).

Thank you for allowing me to join you in your endeavor to encourage, edify and strengthen each person living with the challenging disease of Parkinson's. I look forward to working with you to expand and improve access to resources that can enhance the lives of the Parkinson's community while also generating courage in those facing this unpredictable disease.

I invite each of you to explore how PANC can support you. I aim to reach out regularly to connect and get the pulse of where you are in your journey. PANC has the potential to expand its services and with your input that expansion will be valuable and effective.

For the past 20 plus years I have garnered experience in the field of communications and fundraising being responsible for marketing, fundraising and public relations for a variety of organizations. As a consultant I have advised nonprofit organizations on crisis management and direct marketing strategies to raise money and to develop strategic plans that keep them focused and effective. I have worked with the homeless and mentally ill populations and have worked hard to feed the hungry. I found my passion in senior care and worked nearly five years as an administrator in assisted living while also earning my nursing home administrator license.

I look forward to bringing my experience to PANC and working with the Board of Directors as they provide leadership and guidance to take PANC to new levels of service. I'm especially excited about the annual conference on October 24, 2020 and the California Parkinson's Disease Registry conference to be held in September 26, 2020. PANC will continue to work to build a community for persons with Parkinson's and bring programs that help you and your family through this journey with Parkinson's disease.

Please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,

Barbara Fleck, Executive Director 916-618-8513 (Cell) Fleckb@panctoday.org

### **The Parkinson's Thief**

by Dr. Beverly Chang, Geriatric Psychiatry Direct

At times it seems that Parkinson's is like a thief, robbing individuals of their identities.

I have cared for triathletes, car enthusiasts, physicians, lawyers, and culinary experts, who have all grieved the loss of certain defining aspects of themselves. Some patients admit that they expend energy trying to cover their tremor due to perceived stigma. Some feel guilt and shame in having to receive more assistance from others. A few are wary of support groups due to the worry about seeing how Parkinson's may progress. And ALL despise how their lives have been built around a medication schedule.

Parkinson's additionally affects families and spouses who find themselves also feeling robbed – of intimacy, of the sharing of household duties, of the future they anticipated. Sometimes these thoughts are fleeting, but in cases they begin to occupy much of the day.

Depression and anxiety, if left unaddressed, lead to worsened health outcomes. Sometimes a medication will help, since Parkinson's can deplete the brain of chemicals that make us happy. Many times, a supportive ear is just as effective. Emotions cannot be denied, and rather than "stuffing them," perhaps we can learn to acknowledge and validate. By allowing ourselves to seek support, we may learn healthy ways of letting the unhelpful thoughts go.

Now more so than ever in the current COVID19 pandemic, I try to remind patients that we are all making lifestyle adjustments and we are all in it together.

Parkinson's changes how we live our life, but it does not rob us of a future.

### JOIN US... 2020 Conference coming October 24, 2020!

Your wellbeing and safety are our biggest concern, so this year PANC is planning an outstanding, motivating virtual conference on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 8:30am – 1:00pm.

The online conference will have the same high-quality education, networking and ability to share experiences - similar to our past conferences. You will learn different treatments, see ideas for exercise, and meet our sponsors and exhibitors so they can provide resources that may help you and your loved ones on the journey.

Prior to the online conference we will offer trainings so you can join the virtual conference easily. Registered participants will be notified of these opportunities and staff will be available to answer questions and prepare you to join us on October 24.



2020 ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### Our educational lineup will include:

- Dr. Suketu Khandhar, Movement Disorders Specialist and Director of Kaiser Permanente's Neurological Department
- Keynote speaker, Dr. Soania Mathur, live streaming from Canada, who experienced early onset Parkinson's and has become an author, motivational speaker and educator for the Parkinson's community
- Dr. Norika Malhado-Chang, Movement Disorders Specialist, UC Davis Medical Center, will facilitate case study analysis for Deep Brain Stimulation, motor fluctuation and dyskinesia
- Dr. Erica Byrd, Sutter Medical Group neurology, will discuss Sleep and PD
- Dr Jill Ostrem, UC San Francisco, will discuss the Future of Neuromodulation

### You will have the opportunity to:

- Join movement breaks
- Visit the virtual exhibit hall
- Enter our drawing
- Ask speakers questions

### We look forward to you joining us.

Registration opens August 24, 2020. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Register at www.panctoday.org Registration includes educational materials and a conference gift mailed to you in advance.

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### **Nutrition and Parkinson's**

Rytary). Levodopa competes with protein in the intestines for absorption, and protein usually wins. That means that if you are eating a high protein meal and taking Sinemet at the same time, the Sinemet may feel less effective. Taking levodopa 30 minutes before a meal or 60 minutes after a meal will give levodopa the best chance to work. If having levodopa on an empty stomach is uncomfortable due to nausea, take it with some saltine crackers. Speaking of saltines, salt helps to raise blood pressure, so salty foods or drinks can be helpful if you experience the low blood pressure that is common in PD. Staying well hydrated and having a high fiber diet will also help with constipation. Keeping our bowels moving well will not only help our medications work better, but will help us feel better overall!

### A PUBLIC SURPRISE THANK YOU TO SHARON D'NELLY-WARADY

From August 1, 2019 until April 20, 2020 when Barbara Fleck, PANC's new Executive Director arrived, Sharon was our only "staff" During that time many of us had the opportunity to work with her, partner with her, ask for help, get answers to questions or direction on specific projects, receive referral information or assistance and oh so much more. Because she has done so much to ensure the success of PANC we thought this PUBLIC SURPRISE THANK YOU was in order.

> We spent some time asking a variety of people for feedback. The following is how we feel about you Sharon.

- Invaluable Always willing Interested Committed/Dedicated Responsible Steady Good
- Consistent Sense of humor Goes the Extra mile Easy to talk to Anticipates your needs Pleasant
- Diplomatic Reliable Intuitive Compassionate and Helpful Pulls the pieces together Most resourceful person I have ever met

Sharon we appreciate all you do...Thanks for being the glue that held us together!



### **Off and On Times**

by Dorothy Ross, Davis Support Group

I asked my neurologist to increase my medications because I was

experiencing more frequent off times. The doctor asked me to elaborate, to tell him when these off times occurred. He didn't want exact clock time; he wanted to know how soon after taking levodopa the off times occurred.

I had to confess that I didn't keep good tabs on the timing of my meds. I would start my day with a wake-up dose and then try to gauge when to take the next round depending on my plans for the day. If I had a meeting scheduled for 10 o'clock, I'd have my mid-morning pill at 9:30am to be sure I'd be alert for the discussion. Likewise with my 2 o'clock pill. If my exercise class was to start at 1:00, I'd take a pill around 12:30, insurance against fading as the class went on. The off times usually struck in the late afternoon.

"What about food?" the doctor asked. "When do you usually have your meals?" I told him that I ate when I was hungry, without regard for the timing of my meds. The neurologist said that my system (which was really not a system) was fine for the early stages of PD, but since I'm now in my thirteenth year post-diagnosis, I'd have to learn how to handle the anti-Parkinson drugs for the best outcome. Specifically, in my case, he wants me on a 4-hour cycle during waking hours. My smart watch helps me remember to take meds at 6-10-2-6-10. Actually, it's a bit more complicated than that, but bear with me. The doctor said I should allow a half-hour for my body to digest a dose of meds before eating. To assure the next dose is taken on an empty stomach. I need to stop eating 90 minutes prior to the next scheduled pill. I'm an early riser. I take my first meds at 6 o'clock. No problem. Then I wait until 6:30 for my morning coffee. The next medicine dose should be at 10 o'clock, so I count backwards from 10 for an hour-and-ahalf, to 8:30. That gives me two hours, from 6:30 to 8:30 to have breakfast, and so on throughout my day. It takes some getting used to, but it gets easier as you settle into the routine.

I'm not a doctor and I'm not suggesting that you do as I do. I just know that being faithful to the four-hour schedule works for me. I didn't need an increase in drugs at this juncture and I seldom have off times any more.

### **TeleHealth – Some Assembly Required**

### Suketu M Khandhar, MD

Telehealth has certainly taken center stage as an opportunity to connect with patients virtually & remotely without having to increase foot traffic into medical offices. For most, this is a new experience. Many health care workers have long understood its value, recognizing it's an opportunity to connect with patients in their home environment, allowing a more complete understanding of their situation. It was only during this pandemic, however, that the government has taken steps to loosen guidelines allowing easier access and reimbursement for telehealth visits.

### Let me dispel some myths about telehealth.

- 1. It is not a replacement for in-person visits, but rather a complement to it.
- Contrary to what you may think, you <u>can</u> examine someone virtually. In the case
  of Parkinson's disease, you can observe tremor, witness bradykinetic movements
  with lack of dexterity and formally evaluate someone's gait and balance.
- 3. The technology over the years and certainly in the past few months has gotten easier, is more accessible, is user friendly and isn't overwhelming.
- 4. Most health care systems allow the provider to simultaneously access your medical record while video/tele connecting with you, making for a more optimal experience.
- 5. Typically, tele-visits are more cost effective for you and for the healthcare industry.
- 6. In addition, you don't need to waste time finding parking before your visit, so it can be time efficient as well.7. Telehealth is here to stay now that we have been forced to use it out of necessity and everyone has become more
- familiar with it.

### That said, you do need to somewhat prepare for a telehealth visit. Here is a checklist of what to consider PRIOR to a telehealth visit.

- 1. Check that you have internet access and a secure Wi-Fi connection.
- 2. Position your mobile device (smartphone/tablet) or computer webcam right in front of you so we can get a good headshot with shoulders pretend you are taking a passport photo.
- 3. Having a loved one position the camera for you is helpful especially if we are to see you walking.
- 4. Be seated near a well-lit hallway so we can see you walk.
- 5. Make sure there is no backlight that may distract from capturing optimal video.
- 6. Dress comfortably and exercise good dress etiquette.
- 7. Make sure your microphone and speakers are ON.
- 8. Keep an updated medication list handy for discussion.
- 9. Have pen & paper handy in case you want to take notes.
- 10. Have a few questions/topics ready to focus the conversation.

### If you exercise these few tips, you and your provider will have a successful virtual visit.

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# "The Shelter in Place"



TAKE A 30 MINUTE BREAK and listen to PANC's "Shelter in Place" Information Series which originally aired during April/May 2020 and remains available on the PANC Website. The program was created in response to our Community's need for information as we faced staying at home and a host of unknowns. Thanks to Board member Suketu Khandhar, M.D. for organizing and hosting the show. To listen, just go to our Website at www.PANCtoday.org

- 1. COVID-19 and PD featured Michael Okun, M.D. an internationally recognized Movement Disorders Specialist who is currently the Chair of Neurology and Executive Director of the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at the University of Florida College Of Medicine. He has served as the National Medical Director for the Parkinson's Foundation since 2006. He is co-author of the new book "Ending Parkinson's Disease" which offers a prescription for action. #ParkinsonPACT #EndingPD
- 2. Dance for PD featured David Leventhal, a founding teacher and Program Director for Dance for PD<sup>®</sup>, a program of the Mark Morris Dance Group that has now been used as a model for classes everywhere and has been instrumental in initiating and designing innovative projects involving live streaming and Moving Through Glass, a dance-based smart glasses app for people with Parkinson's. He is featured in the award-winning 2014 documentary "Capturing Grace" directed by Dave Iverson and received the 2016 World Parkinson Congress Award for Distinguished Contribution.
- **3.** Caregivers are on the Frontline Too featured Connie Carpenter Phinney a passionate advocate for people living with Parkinson's and their caregivers. Along with her husband, Olympic cyclist Davis Phinney, they cofounded the Davis Phinney Foundation (DPF.org) in 2004. She helped create its vision and scope from a small foundation to a vital resource for those living with Parkinson's Disease. As Chair, she has helped cultivate a strong and versatile 'working' Board of Directors. Through the foundation she has helped create program content for the DPF Victory Summit programs, specifically for caregivers.
- <u>4. Situational Anxiety</u> featured Elizabeth "Eli" Pollard who has been with the <u>World Parkinson Coalition</u> from its inception in 2004, helping to steer the organization, alongside world renowned Parkinson Specialist and WPC founder, Dr. Stanley Fahn. Together they worked to grow WPC from its sole purpose of hosting a triennial global Congress on Parkinson's disease, to its more meaningful place in the community today, as a hub for many of the global PD organizations to connect and intersect.
- 5. Exercise When Sheltered featured Christine Shade, DPT, NCS an accomplished physical therapist at Kaiser Roseville who specializes in Neurological Disorders, particularly Parkinson's disease. She is one of the lead architects behind ParkinsonWise. and currently serves as the Vice President of the PANC Board of Directors and Paul McCarthy an enthusiastic personal trainer (both PWR!Moves and ParkinsonWise certified) who enjoys motivating his clients to improve flexibility, balance and overall mental wellness. He also teaches classes at Mission Oaks Community Center in Carmichael. He joined the PANC Board of Directors one year ago because of his interest in serving those with Parkinson's Disease.

### The program was made possible with support from Boston Scientific.

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**Oroville** — 1st Thursday, 1:30–3 p.m. *Trinity Presbyterian Church* 2350 Foothill Blvd., Oroville, CA 95966 **Carol Rawlins 530-282-0499** 

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El Dorado Hills — 2nd Tuesday, 12 p.m. Meeting via Zoom, contact Donna Rixman for invite/information Oakmont Luxury Living 2020 Town Center West Way El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762 Donna Rixmann 916-712-9642 donna@yogapeace.net Larry Alver 916-933-2465 Idalver@sbcglobal.net

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Placerville — 1st Tuesday, 1:30–3 p.m. Senior Center Dining Room 937 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667 Peggy Kline 408-309-1125 pegkline103@gmail.com

### **Napa County**

Napa Young Onset Group — 4th Sunday, 3 p.m. Covenant Presbyterian Church 1226 Salvador Ave., Napa, CA 94558 Colleen Winters 209-602-1536 cfwinters@yahoo.com

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Auburn Caregivers Luncheon\* — 3rd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. *Club Car836 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA* 95603 Karen Hancock 530-885-0950 karen@hancockonline.net

Auburn Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. (no meeting in April or December) Awful Annie's Café - Banquet Room 13460 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603 Karen Hancock 530-885-0950 karen@hancockonline.net

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Roseville — 1st Tuesday, 1:30–3 p.m. Maidu Community Center 1550 Maidu Dr., Roseville, CA 95661 Harry Butler 916-837-3366 hapbutler@comcast.net Website: rosevillepsg.weebly.com

West Roseville — 4th Tuesdays, 11:00–12:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church 2351 Pleasant Grove Blvd. Roseville, CA 95747 Ken and Arlene Fujino 916-474-3489 kfujino1@msn.com

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Elk Grove — 3rd Wednesday, 10 a.m. Senior Center of Elk Grove 8230 Civic Center Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95757 Myron Jantzen 916-804-6497 mpjantzen@aol.com

Folsom — 4th Monday, 10 a.m. Meeting via Zoom, Contact Donna Rixman for invite/information Folsom Senior and Arts Center 48 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630 Donna Rixman 916-712-9642 donna@yogapeace.net Cathy Johnson 916-791-2425

Gold River Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver/Care Partner Meeting (Collaborative Group) — 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Eskaton Lodge Gold River 11390 Coloma Rd., Gold River, CA 95670 Denise Davis 800-272-3900 denise.davis@alz.org

Natomas Area — 2nd Thursday, 10–11:30 a.m. Adventure Christian Church 1500 N Market Blvd.,Sacramento, CA 95834 Irene Duggan 916-710-6912 parkinsons1018@gmail.com

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### Sacramento Caregivers Lunch Bunch\*

(Collaborative Group) — 3rd Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ettore's 2376 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95825 Anne Spaller 916-728-9333 aspaller@deloro.org

Sacramento South Area – 2nd Thursday, 1 p.m. Asian Community Center 7334 Park City Dr., Sacramento, CA 95831 David Teraoku 916-685-4162 Jerry Miyamoto 916-441-1020 jmiyamoto72@gmail.com

#### **San Joaquin County**

Lodi — 1st Monday, 10 a.m. Grace Point Church 801 S. Lower Sacramento Rd. Lodi, CA 95242 Ron and Maureen Olsen 209-329-1185 molsen@softcom.net Robbin and Pat Bray 209-269-1080 braywaves@gmail.com

#### Lodi Caregivers Group\* -

3rd Monday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Grace Point Church 801 S. Lower Sacramento Rd. Lodi, CA 95242 Call for directions/information Jean Whitted 209-329-7075 bjwhitted@hotmail.com

Stockton — 2nd Thursday, 1:30 p.m. O'Connor Woods West Hall 3400 Wagner Heights Rd. Stockton, CA 95209 Mary Ann Behrens 209-477-6496 mbehrens64@gmail.com

### Tracy/Parkinson Support Group of Tracy –

2nd and 4th Mondays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1635 Chester Ave., Tracy, CA 95376 Kathy Clark 209-879-3108 classieladyat63@yahoo.com

#### Shasta County

Redding — 2nd Friday, 1:00 p.m. Social Time; 1:30-3 p.m. Meeting; 3-3:30 p.m., Shasta Shout – speech therapy First United Methodist Church 1825 East Street, Redding, CA 95350 Kim Hawkins 530-945-7628 Kim.reddingpsg@gmail.com

#### **Sierra County**

Loyalton – 1st Friday, 1:30 p.m. 100 Hill St #32 Loyalton, CA 96118 Betty Ferguson 530-993-4002 fergi45@gmail.com

#### **Solano County**

Benicia — 2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–12 p.m. 201 Raymond Dr., Benicia, CA 94510 Brad Miller 707-515-9216 bradfordmiller807@gmail.com

Vacaville Parkinson's Support Group — 4th Wednesday, 1:30–3 p.m. The McBride Senior Center 91 Town Square Place, Vacaville, CA 95688 Brenda DeMartini 707-330-1551 brendaldemartini@gmail.com

#### Sonoma County

Sonoma County - 2nd Saturday @ 1:00 p.m. Christ Church United Methodist 1717 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 Caregiver, Dance, Singing & Speech Class see www.parkinsonsonomacounty.org Nancy Wilson nlbwilson.41@gmail.com Marc Alexander 707-431-8767 malexander109@comcast.net

### **Stanislaus County**

Modesto – 3rd Wednesday, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Jan.–Nov. (No meeting in July) Sutter Health Facility 1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA 95350 Paul Vantress 209-526-6184 modestoparkinsons@gmail.com

#### **Sutter County**

Yuba City — 2nd Monday, 1 p.m. Sutter Medical Foundation 969 Plumas St., Suite 208 Yuba City, CA 95991 Mary Lou Chumbley 530-671-0767

#### **Yolo County**

Davis – 3rd Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Davis Senior Center 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616 Sue Curry 530-304-9927 smcurry@sbcglobal.net

### Davis Care Partners Group\* -

2nd Thursday, 1:30 p.m. Davis Senior Center 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616 Karen Eagan 530-564-4323 kareneagan747@gmail.com

**Woodland** – July 14 and 28 1-2:30 p.m. via Zoom

Woodland Comm. and Senior Center 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776 Bernadette Murray 530-661-1950 bemurray2008@gmail.com

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