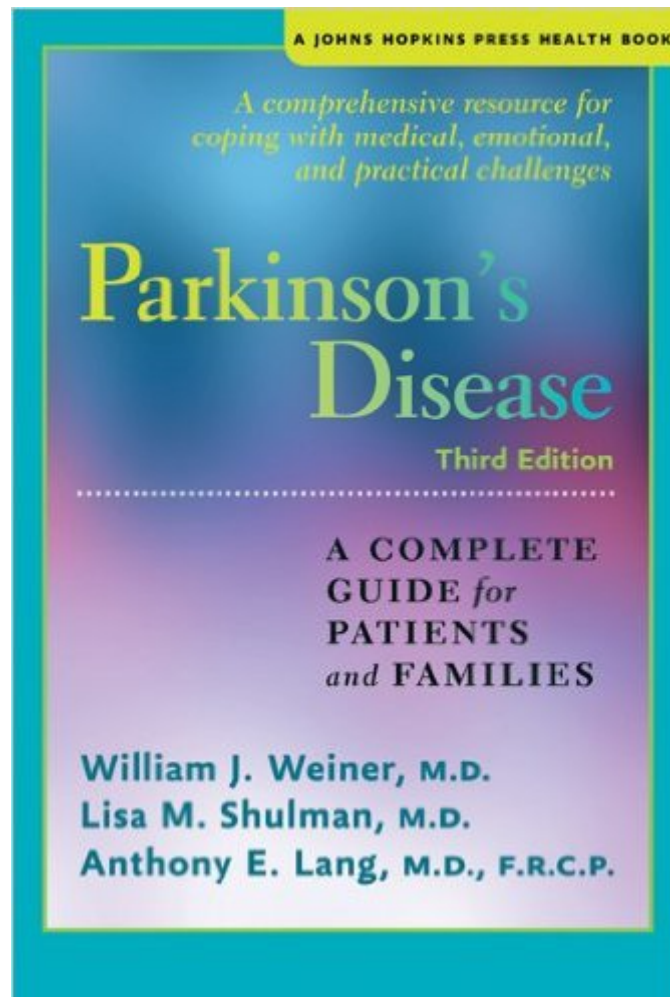


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# Parkinson's Disease: A Complete Guide For Patients And Families (A Johns Hopkins Press Health Book)



## Synopsis

Recent innovations, including deep brain stimulation and new medications, have significantly improved the lives of people who have Parkinson's disease. Nevertheless, patients and families continue to face many challenges. They have long relied on this book for reliable advice about medical, emotional, and physical issues. Bringing this trusted guide up to date, three expert neurologists describe

- New understandings gained by five years of additional research on Parkinson's disease
- New focus on the importance of exercise
- New information about imaging techniques such as SPECT Scan and DATScan that are aiding in the diagnosis
- New findings about the genetics of the disease
- Promising uses of new technologies such as tablet devices for people who have trouble communicating
- Information about impulse control disorders caused by some drugs used to address the symptoms of the disease
- A complete update on treatments such as medications, surgery, and more

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Never having had any experience or knowledge on the basis of this disease, I got the book to help me understand my father's disease. I have gotten a fuller understanding of the causes of the disease, the symptoms, the treatments (and making decisions regarding the selections of the treatments), and the progression of the disease. I feel much better informed and feel I can support my father better because of it. It was definitely written to help support the patient and family

supporting that patient.

Very informative. This book explains in PLAIN ENGLISH what the Dr's look for when making a diagnosis. Also it explains what the average PD. patient goes through in stages. I give it 5 stars!

The author of this book did a great job in explaining what Parkinson's Disease is and giving information for the patient and the caregiver. I am a dental hygienist and I learned just an overview of the disease in school. After having my first patient with the disease I decided to learn more about it. I learned a lot from this book that I should have already known for my patient. The book tells you the symptoms and the side effects of the disease and advice on drug therapy, diet, and exercise. Some people don't even know that they have the disease for a couple of months or even years. They think it is just old age or arthritis. The book also states what kind of medical advice to seek. I have never met a patient with Parkinson's Disease until a couple of months ago. I didn't know what to expect. When the patient walked in I was shocked. She looked normal and wasn't shaking. She was the sweetest patient I had met. She explained to me her life and how she lives with the disease. She said that she sometimes gets embarrassed to be seen in public when she has her tremors because she thinks that everyone is staring at her. But she said she is the same person as all of us. She just has to take medication and she gets tired a lot more than you and me. When I was cleaning her teeth she only had mild tremors so it wasn't that difficult to work on her. But one day I will probably get a patient who has severe tremors but I am ready thanks to this book in guiding me with the knowledge of what I needed to know. I think that if you know someone who has Parkinson's disease or if you would like to learn more about the disease buy this book and you will be filled with all the information you need to know about Parkinson's disease.

I have Parkinson's, and this is the most comprehensive, up-to-date book on the subject I've seen. If you are buying one book on this topic, this is the book to get.

If you have PD or care for someone or know someone with it you will find this book helpful in any of those situations. I learned many things from this book. Including that some things my husband, who has early onset PD, was going through that turned out were symptoms and not just random events. I thank those that wrote this for helping me care for him and being informed. Also, the section on young onset PD really helped because I was beginning to feel he had intermediate PD when really it was signs and symptoms from his Y.O.P.D. It lifted a heavy weight knowing he wasn't that far into

the disease (intermediate stage). I was able to relay many things to his nuerologist that he was experiencing based upon my reading so he can get better care. Thank you.

Parkinson's Disease is a resource for coping with and understanding the medical and psychological implications of Parkinson's Disease. Dr. William Weiner provides a fine, comprehensive overview of the disease's progression and symptoms. Leading authorities provide a comprehensive, detailed guide for any who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, along with the latest research and prognosis for changes.

As a primary-care physician, and a person coping with Parkinson's Disease myself, I give this book my highest praise. I have studied Parkinson's Disease intensively in the 3 years since my diagnosis, yet I learned quite a bit from this book. The authors present everything which is important for patients to know in a remarkably clear and understandable style. I intend to strongly recommend this book to all my patients who are struggling with this disease, regardless of their educational level or state of disability. I say bravo, and thank you to the authors!

EXCELLENT resource book !!! I am back ordering a second copy for our family to share around.... gives excellent, detailed information on both the physical side of the disease and the side-effects of the medications... easy read... very comprehensive... I recommend HIGHLY !!

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