

What is Parkinson's Disease (PD)?

A neurodegenerative disorder that affects predominately dopamine-producing neurons in a specific area of the brain.

What are early signs & symptoms

Symptoms can develop slowly and vary from person to person. Common signs/symptoms are tremors ("pill rolling"), slowness of movement, limb rigidity and gait or balance problems.

How is Parkinson's Disease diagnosed?

Your regular doctor may refer you to a neurologist. In basic terms, if 2 of the above signs are present for a period of time, PD will be considered.

This brochure is not a substitute for medical advice. Please consult a physician for advice, diagnoses & treatment based on your specific situation.

Benefits to YOU:

Up-to-date, improved skill-set for caring for PD patients & families equals better patient outcomes.

Networking & interaction with other professionals in your field

Enhanced employee retention & reputation

Maintaining licensure compliance with free programs.

What does ULM Gerontology do for the Parkinson's Disease community?

We facilitate education & training, bringing together experts in the field to further enhance professionals' knowledge of PD.

How does ULM Gerontology assist professionals working with PD patients & their families?

In addition to preparing students for various careers in gerontology, we provide continuing education and training programs. We also provide community outreach to PD patients, caregivers, paraprofessionals and professionals.

How can YOU benefit from programs provided by ULM Gerontology?

We offer *free* education & training programs to everyone in the community. Contact asharma@ulm.edu for scheduling.

10,000,000

People worldwide living with Parkinson's Disease

1,000,000

People in the United States living with Parkinson's

60,000

Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's each year

4%

Percentage of people with Parkinson's diagnosed before age 50

1.5x

Prevalence of men over women with Parkinson's

Source: Parkinson.org

RESOURCES:



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Gerontology Program

In conjunction with...



...regularly hosts multiple free programs to benefit patients, caregivers, & healthcare workers.

Contact asharma@ulm.edu for information on upcoming programs & suggestions for programming to fit your needs.