### **Parkinson's Disease**

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# INTRODUCTION



• Parkinson's disease is a slowly progressive, chronic neurological disease.

• Due to deficiency of mainly dopamine a neurotransmitter, a chemical in the brain.

### **History of PD**

• In 1817: Dr. James Parkinson.



• Jean Martin Charcot was first to recognize the importance of Dr. James Parkinson's and renamed the disease after him as "Parkinson's Disease".

# Epidemiology

- PD Occurs world wide and is present in all races
- Males > females
- Prevalence of PD Increase with increasing age of 1% of person from age 60.
- Young Onset Parkinson's Disease starts between 21-40 years affecting 5 to 10% of PD patients.
- The incidence and prevalence of PD in India is lesser as compared to other country.
- Rural population had a higher prevalence than urban population.



# Definition

- Characterized by tremor at rest, rigidity, slowness of movements and postural instability.
- Parkinsonism is a syndrome with numerous causes of which the Parkinson's disease is the most common.

### Anatomy



• Basal ganglia are the collection of grey matter with in the brain . This area is affected in Parkinson's disease.

• Many parts of the brain affected but mostly the Basal ganglia.

### **Clinical Significance**



- Parkinson's Disease is associated with the death of dopamine neuron in the substantia nigra pars compacta which is due to neuro- degeneration.
- When a significant number of neurons have died, the individual will likely to start to experience movement-related problems like tremors, rigidity, slowness of movements and postural instability.

## **Etiology/ Risk factors**

- Above age 60 years mostly seen
- YOPD 21-40 years
- Gender: Males > Female
- Family History
- Low Estrogen level
- Agricultural work
- Low level of vitamins
- Head trauma



• Genetic mutation:



Alpha Synuclein: Autosomal dominant
 LRRK2(leucine rich repeat kinesis2): Autosomal
 PINK1/PARKIN/DJ-1: Autosomal recessive
 GBA(Glucocerebrocidase): Autosomal recessive
 Alpha Synuclein and LRRK2 gene mutation is linked with YOPD.

### • Other Causes:

# Multiple system atrophy(MSA), Progressive supranuclear palsy.

Secondary Parkinsonism.

Drug induced Parkinsonism.

# Pathophysiology

**Etiological Factors:** 

- Environmental factors
- Gene Mutation
- Degenerative diseases

Destruction of Dopaminergic neuronal cells in the substantia nigra of Basal ganglia

Neuronal cells loss and depigmentation

Degeneration of dopaminergic activity particularly in the nigro-striatal pathway

Depletion of dopamine store

Imbalance between excitatory (Acetylcholine) & inhibitory (dopamine) neurotransmitter in the corpus striatum

Tremors Rigidity Akinesia Postural instability

Impairment of extrapyramidal tract controlling complex body movement

### Signs and Symptoms

#### Four cardinal signs:

- Resting tremor
- Rigidity
- 🕨 Akinesia
- Postural Instability



Cog – Wheeling

#### <u>Postural Disturbance:</u> Stooped or fixed positive

- Disequilibrium or postural instability
- Retropulsion- backward motion
- Propulsion- Forward motion

Sleep disturbance: Frequent awakening Day times sleeping Sensory impairment: Pain, restlessness

#### <u>Akinesia:</u>

- Bradykinesia
- Hypokinesia
- Hypophonia
- Micrographia

#### **Dysautonomia: includes**

- Sweats, facial flushing
- Urinary frequency, urgency
- GI dysfunction- constipation
- Orthostatic hypotension and sexual dysfunction

<u>Cognitive and psychiatric</u> <u>disturbance:</u> Anxiety, Apathy, mental irritability, impaired executive function, Depression, psychosis, dementia

### **Diagnostic Evaluation**

- Laboratory test and Imaging studies are not helpful in the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.
- Criteria for making the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease include the following:
- Any 2 of 4 cardinal features(Resting tremors, rigidity, postural instability, Akinesia).
- Through patients history and performed complete neurological examination.
- CT Scan or MRI of head to rule out the secondary cause.

### Management

- Treatment is directed at controlling symptoms and maintaining functional independence.
- There are no medical or surgical approaches that prevent disease progression.
- Pharmacological management is the main stay of treatment.
- Alternative medicine: Massage, Tai chi, Yoga, Meditation.

# Medications

- 1. LEVODOPA
- 2. DOPAMINE RECEPTOR AGONISTS
- Ropinirol,
- Pramipexole
- **3. MONOAMINE OXIDASE INHIBITORS**
- Selegiline
- Rasagiline
  4. AMANTADINE
  5.Anti-Cholinergic
  6.Anti-Depressant

# Surgical Management

## \*Thalamotomy



### \*Pallidotomy



## \*Deep Brain Stimulation



# Yoga



1. A randomized controlled pilot study of the therapeutic effects of yoga in people with Parkinson's disease ; *Neena Sharma et al (2015)(IJOY)* 

- 8 patients with PD who underwent Yoga for 12 weeks were compared with 5 patients who did not.
- Significant improvement in UPDRS scores.
- Positive trends of improvement were noted in depression scores.
- Falls decreased by around 25% as a result of Yoga

# Yoga



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Effects of Mindfulness Yoga vs Stretching and Resistance Training Exercises on Anxiety and Depression for People With Parkinson Disease A Randomized Clinical Trial

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187 screened

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- 138 recruited
- Yoga:71(Mindfulness yoga), Control: 67(SRTE)
- Mindfulness yoga was found to be as effective as Stretching Resistance Training Exercise with additional benefit of a reduction in anxiety, depression and also increase in spiritual well being and HRQOL.

# **Yoga concept for Parkinson's Disease** How we might Support and balance the Panchakosha model



### Conclusion

• PD is a chronic, progressive neurological disorder where movement is affected.

• The goal of management is to control the manifestation such as motor and non- motor manifestations.

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