Motor vs Nonmotor Symptoms and Providers

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Colorado Springs Parkinson's Support Group

OBJECTIVES

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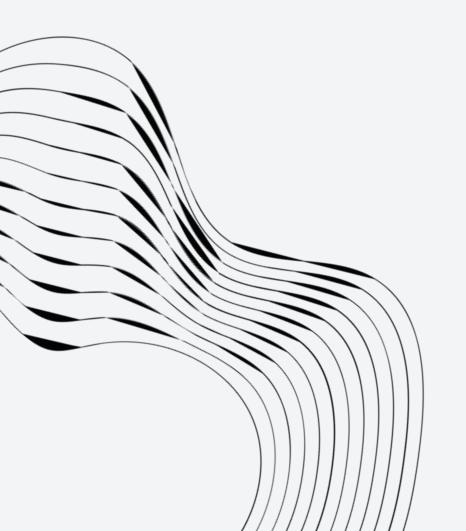
MOTOR AND NONMOTOR SYMPTOMS

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CARE TEAM

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PHYSICAL THERAPY & EXERCISE



About Neuro Logic Rehabilitation & Wellness

Outpatient mobile practice: Same as going to a clinic but we come to you!

Hybrid insurance and out of pocket model

· To allow individuals access to therapy with reduced insurance limitations

Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy

• Only 2% of all PTs hold this board speciality

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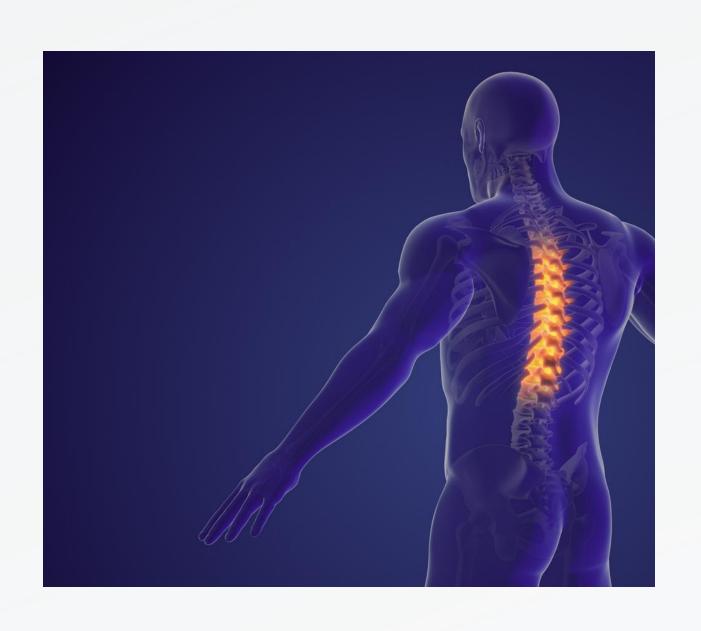
LSVT BIG/PWR! (Parkinson's Wellness Recovery)
Moves

Intensives offered (up to 5 days per week of sessions)

Adaptive Exercise

Dry Needling

MOTOR SYMPTOMS



Rigidity
Bradykinesia
Tremor
Postural Instability

NONMOTOR SYMPTOMS

ANS

- GI dysfunction
- Low blood pressure/High blood pressure
- Sexual dysfunction
- Changes in perspiration
- Bladder changes
- Respiratory dysfunction

Mood/Thinking

- Apathy
- Memory Impairment
- Cognitive Impairment
- Depression or anxiety
- Various psychosis

Other

- Sialorrhea
- Sleepiness/fatigue/REM
- Pain
- Skin changes
- Loss of smell
- Dysarthria or hypophonia
- Dysphagia
- Visual changes

HYPOTENSION

- PD medication can act as a hypotensive medication
- Best to monitor if taking antihypertensives



ORTHOSTATIC HYPOTENSION

- Drop in BP with position changes
- Can be worsened if presenting with hypotension
- Related to ANS function
- Correlated/associated with cognitive impairment





SUPINE HYPERTENSION

 High blood pressure when lying down typically at night/sleeping

- ANS involvement
- Can be correlated to orthostatic hypotension
- ANS dysfunctional can lead to fluctuations in BP throughout day and night

CARE TEAM

Neuro-Ophthalmologist

Nutritionist or Dietician

Orthopedist PCP

Physical Therapist

Occupational Therapist Speech Therapist

Mental Health professionals

MDS/Neurologist

Cardiologist

Gastroenterologist

Urologist



PHYSICAL THERAPY & EXERCISE

- Goal: 60-80% Heart rate max
- Start with your comfort level
- H/o orthopedic, cardiovascular, or respiratory dysfunction
- Aerobic demonstrated best
- Aerobic benefits:
 - Stimulates dopamine
 - BDNF, GDNF, other factors
 - Neuroplasticity!
- Resistance training, balance training, dual tasking

FREQUENCY OF EXERCISE

BENEFITS OF EXERCISE



- Improved cardiovascular function
- Reduced potential of osteoporosis
- Improved cognitive function
- Improved sleep
- Decreased constipation
- Reduced rigidity

- Decreased fatigue
- Improved drug efficacy
- Improved dopaminergic system
- Improved functional
- Reduced UPDRS in motor and non motor categories



QUESTIONS?

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