

Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic

What is Parkinson's Disease?

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	FOR ABOUT ONE MILLION AMERICANS, IT'S A DEBILITATING DISEASE THAT CAN'T BE STOPPED. PARKINSON'S DISEASE IS A PROGRESSIVE BRAIN DISORDER THAT AFFECTS YOUR ABILITY TO MOVE.
Ryan Uitti, M.D Track 1 (2:45)	"PEOPLE FIND THAT PROGRESSIVELY OVER TIME USUAL ACTIVITIES LIKE GETTING DRESSED, BRUSHING THEIR TEETH ARE TAKING MUCH MORE TIME THAN THEY HAD IN THE PAST. IN ADDITION MANY PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP A TREMOR."

<p>Dr. Ryan Wee-Tee</p>	<p>MAYO CLINIC NEUROLOGIST RYAN UITTI IS A PARKINSON'S SPECIALIST. WHILE IT'S THE TREMOR MOST PEOPLE RELATE TO THE DISEASE, HE SAYS ONLY ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF PATIENTS HAVE IT AS A SYMPTOM.... STIFFNESS AND BALANCE PROBLEMS CAN ALSO OCCUR. WHILE THERE IS NO CURE FOR PARKINSON'S, THERE ARE TREATMENTS THAT...</p>
<p>Dr. Uitti Track 1 (5:30)</p>	<p>"COVER UP THOSE SYMPTOMS AND ALLOW THE PERSON TO FUNCTION MUCH BETTER."</p>
	<p>MEDICATIONS CAN BE VERY HELPFUL, BUT SURGERY MAY ALSO BE AN OPTION FOR SOME PATIENTS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
