

DATE: January 11, 2014

TIME: 1:30 pm

Program: Video by PDF Understanding Pain in Parkinson's

WHERE: **OSF PromtCare**

5114 N. Glen Park Place

Peoria, IL 61614



Our December meeting was our Christmas luncheon held at Sazani's Steak and Pasta 12 members enjoyed some very good food and fellowship. It was a great way to relax a little with friends during the busy Holiday season.



Due to a change in Unity Point Methodist Hospital policy regarding the use of their facility for groups that are unrelated to the hospital, they were going to charge us \$ 75.00 per month, we have had to change our meeting location. Bruce and I looked into several different locations and we came up with the OSF facility that is located at 5114 N. Glen Park Place with the help of Illinois Neurological Institute. The best Part is that there is no charge for the Parkinson's Support Group to use this room. I was told by Vicky Perry of INI "As you know, Dr. Pratt and the other INI Physicians are very supportive and appreciative of all your group does and we are happy to help". So please tell them "Thank you" the next time you have a Doctor visit. The meeting location is on the lower level, enter though the main doors and use the elevator that is located just to the right, as you exit the elevator the meeting room will be straight ahead.



Dues are due, are yearly dues are \$ 7.00 per person and are due at this time. I have enclosed an envelope that you may use to pay your dues.



Barb is starting a group that she is calling "Parkinistas" The plans are for this group to meet once a month at a local coffee shop to have friendly conversation over a cup of coffee. They held their first coffee in November and plan on starting back up after the Holidays. To get all the details on "Parkinistas" coffee group outing please call Barb at 309 699-7394 or 309 712-3770.



PULLED PORK FOR PARKINSON'S will be here before you know it. This event is held by the Don Bohlander Parkinson's Disease FundRACERS The goal of the Don Bohlander Parkinson's Disease FundRACERS is to provide information and hope to those people living with Parkinson's Disease, their family, friends and caregivers. Maintaining the Hearts to Hands website (www.heartstohands.org) and Hearts to Hands Billboard, support the Central Illinois Parkinson's Disease Support Group, disseminate information to those people living with Parkinson's disease and related groups, and donate to those organizations that are involved in research to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease or similar neurological disease

PULLED PORK FOR PARKINSON'S is March 1, 2014 at the Pekin Moose lodge starting at 4:00 pm. It will include a dinner consisting of pulled pork, potato salad and chips. There will be 50/50 raffle, Live and silent auction and a live band starting at 8:00 pm. Please make plans now to attend. Should you wish to donate to the event or to the auction please contact Val Bohlander at 309 241- 5905 or boh84@grics.net

If you are interested in reading one of the books that are available in the library please give us a call we will bring it to the next meeting.

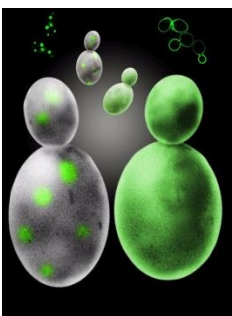
Medicare Finalizes Removal of Improvement Standard

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) took an important step to remove the improvement standard by releasing updates to the policy manual, which clarifies that Medicare beneficiaries can no longer be denied coverage for physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy services solely for lack of improvement. The policy manual is used by Medicare contractors in determining coverage of services. The effective date of these changes is January 7, 2014.

In 2011, PAN joined the Center for Medicare Advocacy and other patient advocacy groups, in filing a class action lawsuit against CMS over a standard for Medicare coverage that we believed discriminated against people with Parkinson's and other chronic degenerative diseases. The standard, commonly referred to as the Improvement Standard, required Medicare beneficiaries to show improvement to continue physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy services. For a degenerative disease like Parkinson's, therapy is not a cure, but it is a treatment option that can improve quality of life for people living with the disease.

The lawsuit reached a favorable settlement in January 2013, and CMS was given one year to update the policy manual as well as develop and implement a nationwide education campaign for all who make Medicare determinations to ensure that beneficiaries with chronic conditions are not denied coverage for critical services because their underlying conditions will not improve. PAN is pleased to see the end of this discriminatory standard and is dedicated to ensuring people with Parkinson's have access to medically necessary physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy services.

ANTIBODIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE



Roche and Prothena are collaborating to co-develop antibodies for the treatment of Parkinson's Disease. Prothena's antibody for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, PRX002, targets alpha-synuclein. PRX002 is currently in preclinical development. It is expected to enter Phase 1 clinical trials in people with Parkinson's Disease in 2014. PRX002 has already been tested in various cellular and animal models of synuclein-related disease.

Synuclein proteins are found throughout the body. One protein from this family, alpha-synuclein, is found extensively in neurons and characterize several neurodegenerative disorders, including Parkinson's Disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation type 1, and multiple system atrophy, which collectively are termed synucleinopathies. As part of the agreement, Roche and Prothena will initiate a research collaboration focused on including incorporation of Roche's proprietary Brain Shuttle technology to increase delivery of therapeutic antibodies to the brain.



Join the APDA Membership Benefits include being eligible to qualify for the Chapter's respite program for care partners who need "time out" from providing full time in-home care for a family member with Parkinson's disease. Each qualified member family may receive up to \$500 per 12-month period to pay for a substitute caregiver. Talk to Roger at the meeting or Visit <http://www.apdamidwest.org>



November 25, 2013

Central Illinois Parkinson's Support Group
301 Baylor St.
East Peoria IL 61611

RE: \$1,000.00 gift to Cady, Craig Stem Cell Research Fund

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Thank you for your continued support of Bradley University.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SR", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stacey Robertson
Interim Dean

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