**Medical Dictionary**

**Medical Jargon Definitions**

* **Prodromal**- Start of disease but before symptoms occur.
* **Dopaminergic neurons**- neurons in the brain that produce dopamine, a chemical responsible for transmission of signals that coordinate movement.
* **Substantia nigra**- part of the midbrain, also responsible for movement.
* **Basal ganglia**- structures at the brain base, responsible for movement.
* **Bradykinesia**- slowness of movement (principal manifestation of PD)

**PD Tests Description**

* **SWEDD**- Subject Without Evidence of Dopaminergic Deficiency
* **UPDRS**- Unified Parkinson’s Disease Rating Scale
* **MOCA**- Montreal Cognitive Assessment
* **STAI**- State-Trait Anxiety Inventory
* **REM-RBD**- Rapid Eye Movement Sleep Behavior Disorder
* **PIGD**- Postural Instability and Gait Disturbances
* **UPSIT**- University of Pennsylvania Smell Identification Test
* **GDS**- Geriatric Depression Scale
* **LNS**- Letter Number Sequencing
* **SFT**- Semantic Fluency
* **HVLT**- Hopkins Verbal Learning Test
* **QUIP**- Questionnaire for Impulsive-compulsive Disorder in Parkinson’s Disease
* **SCOPA-AUT**- Scale for Outcomes in Parkinson’s Disease – Autonomic Dysfunction
* **DaTscan**- Measures the level of dopamine in the brain