Deep Brain Stimulation

What is this useful for?

- Parkinson's Disease
- o Essential Tremor
- Epilepsy
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- o **Depression**



Risks

DBS carries similar risks as any procedure involving surgery, in addition to risks associated with having an implanted device and the stimulation process:

- Bleeding in the brain
- o Pain or infection around the site of implantation
- Headaches
- Light-headedness, confusion, dizziness, nausea, vomiting
- o Hardware malfunctions

DBS as a treatment option?

Are there any other questions that you may want to ask a clinician to weigh in the pros and cons of DBS? What other clarifications could you seek for the risks mentioned above to make an informed decision?