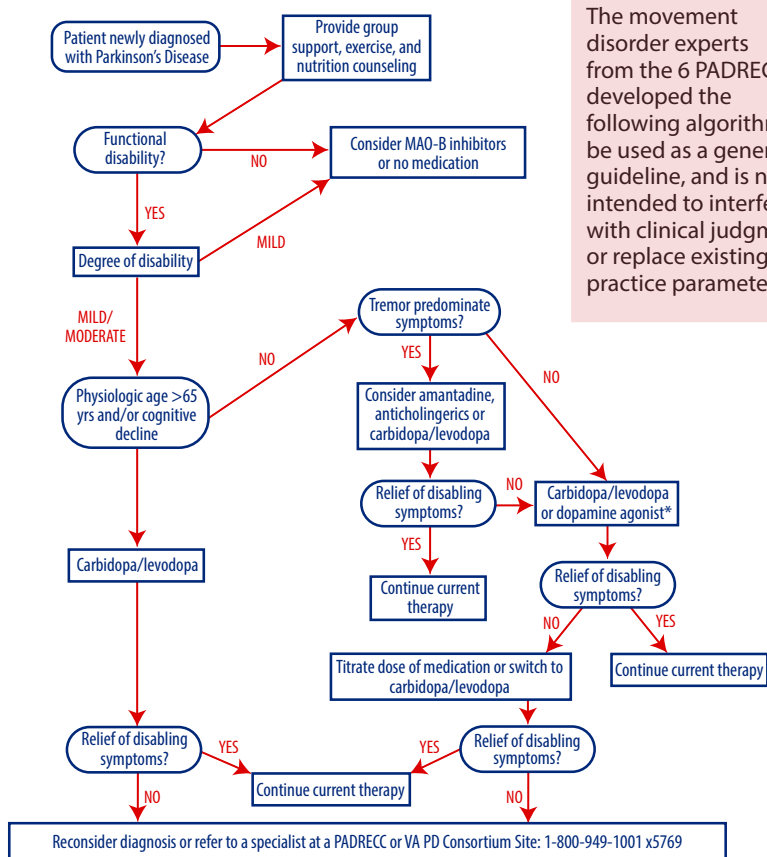


Parkinson's Disease

Quick Reference Guide for Initiating Therapy



*** Assess for history of Impulse Control Disorder—type behaviors (pathological gambling, eating, spending, sexual, etc) and consider using other agents if significant history and/or concerns exist; monitor for ICD symptoms periodically during dopamine agonist therapy**

Please contact one of the six Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Centers (PADRECCs) for additional information or to arrange a consult appointment.

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Medications Used to Treat Parkinson's Disease

Medication Name [®] (generic name)	Start Dose	Typical Daily Dose	Common SEs
Sinemet (carbidopa/levodopa)	25/100 1/2 tab TID	25/100 1 tab TID	1
Sinemet CR (carbidopa/levodopa controlled– release)	25/100 1 tab TID	25/100 or 50/200 1-2 tabs TID	
Parcopa (carbidopa/levodopa orally disintegrating tablets)	25/100 1/2 tab TID	25/100 1 tab TID	
Comtan (entacapone)	1 (200mg) tab per Sinemet dose	1 (200mg) tab per Sinemet dose	1, urinary discoloration, diarrhea
Stalevo (carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone)	12.5/50/200 mg TID — or — 25/100/200 mg TID	25/100/200 mg TID	
Requip (ropinirole HCL)	0.25 mg TID	2.0-5.0 mg TID	1, impulse control disorder (ICD), edema, sedation
Mirapex (pramipexole)	0.125 mg TID	0.5-1.5 mg TID	
Neupro (Rotigotine)	2 mg TID	2mg/24 hours 4mg/24 hour	1,2, Application site reaction
Azilect (rasagiline)	0.5 mg daily	1 mg daily	1, 2
Eldepryl (selegiline)	5 mg	5 mg BID	1, 2, psychosis, insomnia
Symmetrel (amantadine)	100 mg daily	100 mg TID	pedal edema, psychosis, levido reticularis
Artane (trihexyphenidyl HCL)	1 mg BID	1 mg BID– 2 mg TID	Psychosis, cognitive decline, constipation, urinary retention, dry mouth blurred vision
Cogentin (benztropine mesylate)	0.5 mg BID	1-2 mg BID	

Side Effect Key

1: Nausea, orthostatic hypotension, dyskinesias, hallucinations, sedation

2: Potential drug interactions with SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors)

ICD: Impulse Control Disorder (pathological/impulsive behaviors: gambling, spending, eating, sexual)