April is Parkinson's Awareness Month which presents a wonderful chance to engage in meaningful discussions, take steps, and spread awareness about Parkinson's. How will you contribute this month?

This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge about Parkinson's Research and what's happening in the Parkinson's community. Share what you learn with your loved ones.

The WPC offers a wealth of information and resources on our website, blog and YouTube channel.

A lot of folks ask how they can support the WPC this time of year. One easy way is to create a fundraiser on Facebook (if you're on Facebook) and share it with your friends and family. After a period of time when the WPC Facebook fundraising tools were disabled, we are happy to share that we have those tools up and running again. We apologize for any inconvenience for those who have tried to create a fundraiser for the WPC in recent months.
If you would like to create your own Facebook fundraiser to support the WPC Travel Grant program to help people with Parkinson's attend the next WPC, you can do so [here](#).

As April is Parkinson's Awareness Month it makes it the perfect time to announce the dates and location for the 7th World Parkinson Congress also known as the WPC. 2026.

We will announce the host city and dates of the WPC 2026 at the end of the next WPC Research Spotlight on April 23rd. Join us online during our Facebook livestream for a Q&A where we will answer your questions and give out some fun prizes.

Sign up for the Research Spotlight and join us on April 23rd for an exceptional interview with Dr. Laura Volpicelli-Daley about alpha-synuclein and cognition. As an audience member, you'll be positioned to hear the news first about the next WPC as we'll announce it after the Spotlight. Register for the Spotlight [here](#), or join the Facebook event page [here](#).
The World Parkinson Coalition is honored to have been featured by the BestCities Global Alliance in a Case Study outlining the work of the WPC and the impact on the Parkinson's community. Watch the video and download the report to learn more about what we do and why your support is so important.

Watch the video [here](#). Read the case study [here](#).

Support of the WPC goes to help us maintain this extraordinary learning experience which is recognized globally for the innovative way we cross pollinate the community. Thank to everyone who has supported our work over the years.

**WPC Research Spotlight Series**

The WPC recently launched its WPC Research Spotlight 2024 series. This series includes six interviews with leading Parkinson researchers, inviting them to further explain their research.

Join us for the next Research Spotlight with Dr. Laura Volpicelli-Daley from the University of Alabama.

[Register for this free educational series here](#).
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Time: 11AM ET /4PM GMT/ 5PM CET

Talk title: Does Î±-synuclein contribute to cognitive and psychiatric symptoms of Parkinson’s?

Researcher: Laura Volpicelli-Daley, PhD
University of Alabama, USA

Watch previous Research Spotlight talks.

Read the Blog posts that inspired this series of talks.

The Research Spotlight series is made possible with support from Supernus Pharmaceuticals and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma.

WPC Blog Highlight

Beyond Color: The Hidden Impact of Neuromelanin In The Brain

by Núria Peñuelas, PhD

Pigmented neurons and selective vulnerability

It has long been established that neurons with the highest neuromelanin levels preferentially degenerate in Parkinson’s disease, including dopaminergic neurons from the substantia nigra pars compacta and noradrenergic neurons from the locus coeruleus, whose degeneration leads to the characteristic motor and non-motor symptoms of the disease. Read more
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