By now you may have heard the news. The 7th World Parkinson Congress will take place in Phoenix, Arizona in the United States from May 24-27, 2026!

We are thrilled to host WPC 2026 in sunny Phoenix! We are thrilled to see it come back to the USA after what will be a 10 year gap.

In case you missed the announcement on social media, you can still watch it here. WPC mascot, Parky the Raccoon, had an amazing time checking out the city of Phoenix and getting familiar with the area before delegates arrive in May of 2026. Watch the Parky the Raccoon video here.

For more details on WPC 2026, including key dates, click here.

Are you interested in becoming an Ambassador for the next World Parkinson Congress? We are now accepting applications for both Parkinson Ambassadors and Science Ambassadors.
Ambassadors play a big role in spreading information and news about the WPC and connecting with local PD communities. They act as extensions of the WPC team and are crucial in reaching communities globally.

Learn more and Apply [here](#).

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**See You in Phoenix Raffle**

Help spread the word and share your enthusiasm for WPC 2026 by entering the WPC 2026 [See you in Phoenix](#) raffle. Click [here](#) to print off your "See you in Phoenix" sign (or make your own) and enter the raffle. You will be entered to win some fun Phoenix and WPC 2026 merchandise that will be waiting for you when you arrive in Phoenix.

[Enter the Raffle](#)
We will draw winners on the last Friday of every month in a live Q&A on Facebook at 12PM ET. The FB session will include a WPC 2026 Q&A plus the raffle drawing and will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024.

WPC Research Spotlight

In case you missed it. On April 23rd we had an excellent Research Spotlight and interview between WPC President Professor Roger Barker and Dr. Laura Volpicelli-Daley about alpha-synuclein and cognition. If you missed it, you can watch the interview [here](#).

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. Philippe Huot of McGill University and The Neuro, Canada who will be discussing pre-clinical models of levodopa-induced dyskinesia.

Register for this free Research Spotlight series here.

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Time: 11AM ET /4PM GMT/ 5PM CET

Talk title: Pre-clinicial models of levodopa-induced dyskinesia

Researcher: Philippe Huot, MD, PhD, FRCPC, DABPN
McGill University and The Neuro, Canada

Research Spotlight Agenda

Spotlight #3: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - Pre-clinical models of levodopa-induced dyskinesia

Spotlight #4: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - What is the key pathology to Parkinson's

Spotlight #5: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - Update on prodromal Parkinson's

Spotlight #6: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 - Inflammation in Parkinson's

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 America.
In honor of Parkinson's Awareness Month in April, we had an increase in posts and traffic to the WPC Blog, so we’ve decided to highlight two recent blog posts in this eNews.

Dyskinesia and Parkinson's Disease

by Tyler Okelberry, MD and Rajesh Pahwa, MD

What is dyskinesia?

Dyskinesia is a type of involuntary movement. The movements can affect any part of the body and are usually random and purposeless. Dyskinesia can manifest as wiggling, twisting, tapping, shrugging, chewing, swaying, etc. As a result, a person with dyskinesia appears fidgety or restless. When dyskinesia is mild, the affected person may not notice the movements unless someone points them out. On the other hand, when dyskinesia is severe, the movements can be so large and persistent that they can interfere with basic activities like eating, drinking and walking.

How WPC Led Me To Do Research In Women With Parkinson's

by Richelle Flanagan

It all started with the 5th World Parkinson Congress in Kyoto in 2019, where I met many women with young onset Parkinson's (YOPD), and we stayed connected, even though we were in different continents. One of the things we noticed was that our Parkinson's symptoms got worse around the menstrual cycle and that many women were reporting the same issue in closed social media support groups.
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