



WPC Leadership Forum Working Group Missions

Reaching the Newly Diagnosed

This working group is committed to:

Gathering the combined wisdom of programs across the world to share what we can all do better to reach the newly diagnosed. This group will analyze the shared learnings and propose a path for a more unified experience for newly diagnosed people with Parkinson's (PwP) globally that all Parkinson's organizations can use and modify for cultural appropriateness.

Guidance given after a diagnosis of Parkinson's can have a tremendous impact on quality of life in the first years after diagnosis. Because of this many organizations have dedicated time and resources to ensuring that doctors, rehab specialists, people with Parkinson's and care partners are given the resources needed for the PwP to learn to live well with Parkinson's.

Global Equity, Access, and Inclusion

This working group is committed to:

developing a framework of best practices that help all people with Parkinson's, regardless of geographic location and/or socioeconomic background, access critical resources that can improve their quality of life. This framework will be available for Parkinson's organizations around the world to customize and adapt for the cultural, socioeconomic, political, and environmental profiles of their local communities. Our Committee will also be available to provide consultation and guidance.

Engaging People with Parkinson's in Clinical Trials

This working group is committed to:

Source information about the global availability of research, and to understand the level of participation and involvement by people with Parkinson's that research, in order to identify where there are core challenges.

These findings will inform our vision is to create a research "common standards" document that focuses on the principles underpinning research to help coalition partners address the core challenges they may be experiencing in their territories.

Building Global Relationships

This working group is committed to:

Creating and strengthening relationships with Parkinson's communities that have not had a voice in the global discussion. From these relationships we hope to better understand the unique challenges facing these communities and find ways to share resources and best practices across organizations and connect them with the global PD community.

Exploring Technology & Parkinson's

This working group is committed to:

Synthesizing and sharing data about the experiences of people with PD and care partners in an effort to create 1-2 technology innovation action steps that are designed to benefit and excite the global end users (not an organization specifically).

This group will maintain awareness of the current landscape and the realities that COVID-19 is creating in our world and the imperative it provides to this group to solve the problem.

Young Onset Parkinson's

This working group is committed to:

1. Getting YOPD recognized globally as a separate rare syndrome;
2. Better define the trajectory of YOPD and advise on diagnosis and pathway; and
3. Provide diagnosed persons with YOPD the tools and support needed to better control their individual PD.