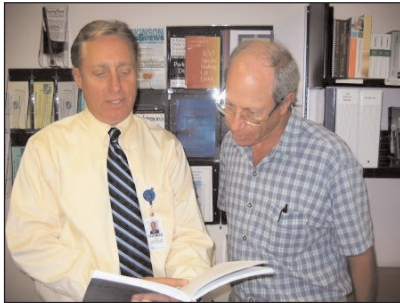




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America Parkinson's Disease Association Information & Referral Center

For the one-and-a-half million people with Parkinson's disease, hope and help are being realized through advances in medical treatment, therapy programs, surgical options, and support group opportunities.

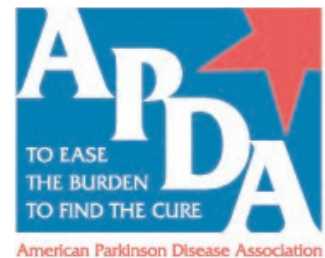
The American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Information & Referral Center at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center provides people with Parkinson's disease, their caregivers, family members, and their physicians with the latest educational information and resources available to allow patients to live well with their disease.

The APDA Center library contains the most up-to-date literature, books, videos, and newsletters pertaining to Parkinson's disease. Website recommendations, basic information on Parkinson's medications and the Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery, and current local clinical trials in which a Parkinson's patient can volunteer to participate are also available.

Parkinson's disease Support Groups offer friendship, knowledge, encouragement in a caring environment for both people with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. The APDA Center offers contact information for the existing Parkinson's Support Groups located in central and northern Arizona; and also helps to begin new Parkinson's Support Groups in underserved areas.

A roster of Valley area physicians, surgeons, and therapists who are knowledgeable in the treatment of Parkinson's disease is available. Movement Disorder Centers, medical facilities, aquatics programs, and exercise programs located in the greater Phoenix area can also be recommended. All information and resources are available free of charge.

Movement Disorder physicians Padma Mahant, M.D., and Johan Samanta, M.D., are the co-medical directors of the APDA Center. The coordinator is Tom Viviano, and volunteer opportunities at the APDA Center are available.



The American Parkinson Disease Association Information & Referral Center is located in the Banner Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Institute building at 1012 E. Willetta St. in Phoenix, one block south of McDowell Road. Free parking is available just outside of the building entrance. The Center can be contacted by calling (602) 239-3542 or you can send an e-mail to apdainfo@bannerhealth.com.

Parkinson's Disease Questions and Answers

What is Parkinson's disease?

Parkinson's disease is a chronic condition caused by the lack of the chemical messenger, dopamine, in the brain.

What are the symptoms of Parkinson's disease?

Symptoms may include trembling of the hands, stiffness of the muscles, and slow, difficult movement.

How can I tell if I have Parkinson's disease?

A physician with special training in Neurology and Movement Disorders can make the diagnosis and recommend treatments