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## NICOTINE STUDY UPDATE

### Potential Treatment Could Improve Quality of Life for Parkinson's Disease Patients

We are continuing our research which shows that intermittent nicotine treatment reduces medication-induced dyskinesias by as much as 50% in models of Parkinson's disease. Lead by senior research scientist, Maryka Quik, Ph.D., the research was published in the October 2007 issue of the *Annals of Neurology*, an internationally known clinical neuroscience publication.



Levodopa, the most common drug used to treat Parkinson's disease (PD), is initially very effective. However, long-term treatment

often lowers its efficiency and causes multiple complications, including abnormal involuntary movements, called dyskinesias. These uncontrolled movements of the head and limbs tend to worsen over time and can become as debilitating as PD itself. Currently, there are only limited therapeutic options for dyskinesias, including reducing the levodopa dose leading to a worsening of PD symptoms, amantadine administration with its own side affects, and

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*Cindy DeLuz and her Tree of Life painting.*

## PATIENT PROFILE

### An Unexpected Journey

*By Cindy De Luz*

It's 10 months since I heard the shocking words, "You have Parkinson's Disease." I remember feeling as if I was in a bad dream and then suddenly feeling a flash of anger. I thought to myself how in the world could a healthy 47 year old women have a brain disease? I went from thinking the weakness in my right hand and arm were all part of a bad case of carpal tunnel to suddenly hearing I have an incurable, degenerative brain disease. My husband and I looked at each other and I could see the fear and shock on his face. This scared me slightly more, since my darling husband has somewhat of a poker face normally.

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# Letter From Our Founder & CEO

*Dear Friends,*

*It is hard to believe that 2008 has already arrived and we're well into May. It is my pleasure to share with you a few of the exciting new things afoot here at PI. In September, we moved into our new location at 675 Almanor in Sunnyvale, CA. Happily for all our patients, this is only a mile from the old building on Morse. This new location represents a 50% increase in space as compared to our previous location, with 60,000 sq. ft. of patient care, laboratory, and clinical research space. This will allow us room to grow as well as provide additional space to host a variety of educational and outreach events.*

*Investigators in our Basic Research department continue their extraordinarily important work. We are continuing our research on nicotine and related compounds as a new treatment for a major side-effect of long-term L-dopa therapy known as dyskinesias (abnormal involuntary movements which can become a significant problem over time). To date the results are very promising, and we are hopeful that this research will lead to a new approach in the clinic to dealing with this potentially dose-limiting complication of L-dopa therapy. In March we began our collaboration with Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. This collaboration is directed towards*

*investigating and testing potential agents that could lead to new ways to slow or halt disease progression. Our goal is to prevent the loss of dopamine producing neurons in a part of the brain known as the substantia nigra which is responsible for the major symptoms of Parkinson's disease (PD). We are continuing our work on a program known as STOP PD, which is aimed at finding new drugs that could stop or even reverse the progression of PD.*

*In the Clinical Research Department, finally, the State of California has formally deputized The Parkinson's Institute, along with UCLA, to launch the first phase of California Parkinson's Disease Registry. This program, which we hope will eventually become state-wide, could provide fundamental demographic and epidemiologic information on the nature of Parkinson's disease, which in turn could bring us much closer to finding the cause of the disease.*

*These are just a few examples of the many things that are going on at our Institute. Indeed, we have nearly a 100 different clinical and basic research projects underway, we look forward to the rest of the year, which will include fabulous fundraising events across the Bay Area, a return of our Annual Patient Symposium, and more. Stay tuned!*

*As always, I am inspired by the support of the patient and donor community without whom we could not continue our work.*

*My Best Regards,*

J. William Langston, M.D.  
CEO & Chief Scientific Officer



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# Congratulations to Dr. Tanner!

We are very excited to congratulate Dr. Caroline Tanner, M.D. Ph.D., Director of Clinical Research here at PI. She was awarded the very prestigious Cal Alumni of the Year award



for Excellence in Achievement. In 1990, Dr. Tanner joined the Parkinson's Institute and was inspired to undertake a Ph.D. in Environ-

mental Health and Science at UC Berkeley. She researched the emergence of Parkinson's disease in identical and fraternal twins, testing the strength of genetic and environmental factors and found that for most this is not a primarily a genetic disease. Her current work investigates the link between PD and the environment and the combination of genes and the environment. She is a member of the scientific advisory board for the Michael J. Fox Foundation and an advisor for the National Institute of Health and many other groups.

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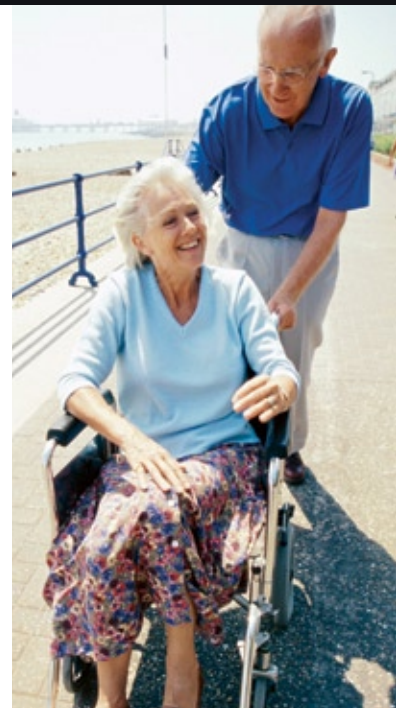
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## California Parkinson's Disease Registry Pilot Project Launches

In late 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the California Parkinson's Disease Registry Act into law. This act requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to establish a confidential database listing people who have Parkinson's disease. The new Parkinson's disease (PD) Registry will join other state databases (like the California Cancer Registry) designed to track important diseases and public health hazards. The Registry Act was passed to learn more about the causes and treatment of PD. Little is known about how common this condition is among different groups of people, what the causes are, and whether the patterns of disease are changing over time. Collecting this information in a large and diverse state like California will provide important clues about the causes of the disease, as well as help to make sure

that adequate health care resources are available for all patients. Learning more about the causes of PD is key to preventing this disease, and may open new doors toward finding a cure. CDPH has designated PI and UCLA as its partners for implementing this work.

The first phase of the project is a pilot program establishing the PD Registry in Santa Clara, Fresno, Kern and Tulare counties. Registry staff will be collecting information under a strict protocol to protect privacy. People with PD may also voluntarily self-register. All of the information will remain confidential as required by law. For more information and about the registry go to [www.capdregistry.org](http://www.capdregistry.org)



...THE REGISTRY MAY OPEN NEW  
DOORS TO FINDING A CURE

FACT  
1.5 million  
in the United  
States have  
Parkinson's  
Disease

## Our Clinic is now a National Parkinson Center of Excellence!

National Parkinson Foundation Centers of Excellence are expected to be the place to which persons with Parkinson disease, caregivers and families, health-care providers, and others in the community, turn for the most up-to-date information, research, specialized services, support, information, and referral services for Parkinson's disease. As such, Centers define the "gold standard" in Parkinson-related research, care, and outreach. We are very excited to be recognized as one of the premier locations for PD patients to receive care.



# We Have a Year Filled With Fantastic Fundraising Events— MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## June 21

### CLUB AUTO SPORT SAN JOSE, CA

Over 250 car enthusiasts and supporters of PI will be joining us for an evening of food, wine, and incredible automobiles at Club Auto Sport, Silicon Valley's first commercial car condo facility. We are extremely pleased to partner with Club Auto Sport which is opening this unique facility in May.



## September 26

### DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE BLACKHAWK DINNER DANVILLE, CA



We are excited to welcome the Blackhawk Museum as a sponsor of The Danville D'Elegance.

They have graciously donated their space for our pre event dinner. This will be a great evening you will not want to miss.

## September 28

### DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE DANVILLE, CA

The 4th Annual Danville D'Elegance will again run through downtown Danville. With the support of exotic sports car owners, fine auto enthusiasts, and sports car clubs, the 2008 event will continue to highlight some of the finest exotic automobiles past and present.

## October 4

### DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH NAPA, CA

Vintner Boots Brounstein's annual fundraiser aimed at finding a cure for Parkinson's disease.

## SPECIAL THANKS

For their help with these fundraisers, we wish to thank the following for their generous commitment and support of PI:

- Chris and Jim Edlund (board member) and the Danville D'Elegance committee
- Boots Brounstein and the Diamonds in the Rough committee
- Club Auto Sport, Ralph Borelli, and John Davis



# The PI Clinic Team Answers Your Questions:

**Dear PI Team** How do I get into a clinical trial and how do I find out if I am qualified for one?

Our clinical trials are diverse and each trial has different inclusion criteria. Please call either Kathie at 408-542-5635 or Julie at 408-542-5626 to find out if there are any current trials that you may qualify for. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to speaking to you!

*Julie, RN Clinical Trials*

**Dear PI Team** I have PD and I still enjoy my nightly glass of wine, is there any problem with this?

Dear Napa Resident,

Fortunately, having PD does not mean giving up all pleasurable activities. Most patients can enjoy an occasional glass of wine, as long as this is done with a few precautions. As people get older, alcohol tends to have more profound effects on the brain, especially a brain affected by Parkinson's disease and/or memory problems. This can impact neurological functions that may already be altered in PD, such as judgment, coordination and balance.

Alcohol will also get into the brain faster when consumed on an empty stomach. Women are more sensitive to the effects of alcohol than men and so should be especially cautious. As if those weren't enough precautions; it is worth noting that the alcohol content of some local wines is actually on the rise! Therefore, I generally tell my patients to limit their consumption

to one small glass and to sip the wine slowly along with a meal or a substantial appetizer. Drink plenty of water along with the meal to slow down your consumption of alcohol and keep well-hydrated (alcohol can have diuretic effects). Of course, this advice does not apply if you are on a medication for another condition that prohibits alcohol consumption or have been told that you should not drink alcohol for some other reason.

Therefore, you should discuss this with your own doctor to be on the safe side. And of course, alcohol consumption and driving do NOT go together and this is especially true when the reaction speed may be slowed down already by PD symptoms or medication side-effects.

So use good judgment, enjoy the bounty of local vintners and.....Cheers!

*Dr. Brandabur*

**Dear PI Team** My father has many issues with drooling due to PD is there anything we do?

Saliva spillage, or drooling, is often shown by people with Parkinson's disease (PD). With PD, many people are not swallowing automatically as they did before Parkinson's. If someone has a problem with drooling, they should be evaluated and treated by a speech pathologist and neurologist. Factors that can be helped include: weakness in the muscles of the mouth, a forward and down head position or reduced awareness of the buildup of saliva. If these factors are addressed the result can reduce the effect of the spillage (i.e. drooling) problem.

*Randy Hoffman,  
Speech and Language Pathologist*

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It should be noted that smoking is not recommended since it is hazardous to your health



#### NICOTINE STUDY UPDATE

### Nicotine: Potential PD Treatment

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deep brain stimulation that is only appropriate for a limited number of patients. The finding that nicotine reduces L-dopa-induced dyskinesias thus has important clinical implications.

Most of the research on tobacco has focused on its detrimental health effects. However, over 50 separate studies show that the incidence of Parkinson's disease is ~50% less in smokers than in the general population. Recent studies in experimental models suggest that the nicotine in smoke may be responsible for this neuroprotective effect. In addition, this is the first research to show that nicotine may also reduce levodopa-induced dyskinesias. With

an estimated 1.5 million Parkinson's disease patients in the United States, and levodopa being the top prescribed medication for Parkinson's disease, this study has far-reaching implications for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

"Our hope is that this research represents a useful treatment strategy to reduce the dyskinesias from which so many Parkinson's disease patients suffer," said Dr. Quik. "Reducing the side effects of levodopa makes it a much more effective and long-term treatment." We are currently working with pharmaceutical companies to take our findings to clinical trials using our Bench to Bedside approach.

*Dr. Quik received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. After a Medical Research Council postdoctoral fellowship at Cambridge University in England, she joined the faculty in the Department of Pharmacology at McGill University as assistant professor. She continued her career in research and teaching as a full professor in Pharmacology at McGill until 1996, when she joined The Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center as a senior research scientist. Dr. Quik has published over 115 research articles and reviews.*



# PI Welcomes a New Scientist

We would like to welcome Dr. Satoshi Hiroshi Ph.D. who has joined us from Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd in Japan. He will be working with us for the next 18 months in collaboration between PI and Otsuka. Together, we will be investigating and testing potential neuroprotective agents against the loss of neurons that characterizes Parkinson's disease (PD). Our organizations are establishing a partnership to foster and accelerate research on PD, with the specific goal of developing new therapies that will slow or stop disease progression in afflicted patients. "We are very excited about the interest of Otsuka Pharmaceuticals in PD and impressed with the work carried out by our research colleagues at Otsuka," said Dr. Donato Di Monte, who will lead this initiative at the PI. "This partnership between a non-profit institution and a pharmaceutical company will likely facilitate the development of new therapeutics and the more rapid translation of drugs into the clinical setting." Dr. Di Monte is Director of Basic Research at the PI and is an expert in mechanisms of neuronal death in PD that can be targeted for neuroprotection and drug discovery. Dr. Satoshi received his Ph.D. in Medicine from Hokkaido University (Sapporo, Japan). His previous research experience includes studies using electrophysiology to record neuronal activity and to investigate mechanisms of motor dysfunction in models of Parkinson's disease



CURRENTLY PI  
HAS OVER  
100 ONGOING  
CLINICAL AND  
BASIC RESEARCH  
PROJECTS

## Our Tireless Auxillary

### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Parkinson's Institute's Auxillary has provided support for over 19 years. Currently 17 active members volunteer daily. They run the gift shop in the clinic, which includes many handmade items, with the proceeds supporting Parkinson's research. In addition they provide office assistance and volunteer their time wherever needed. They are our greeters for new patients, you can't miss them in their pink smocks. Stop by to say hello they'll always have a smile for you. If you'd like to volunteer please call Pat Allen 408.745.1256.



# Cure



## Donate to a non-profit you can trust!

PI is now rated a 4 star charity by Charity Navigator. We are very proud to have been independently evaluated and upgraded to the coveted 4 star status by Charity Navigator for exceeding industry standards and outperforming most non-profits. Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator, working to advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace by evaluating the financial health of over 5,300 of America's largest charities.



## Lonnie Ali Shared Her Story

Lonnie Ali was a special guest speaker on September 27th, addressing an overflowing crowd at The Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center. She shared her personal experience as a caregiver for one of the world's most famous Parkinson's patients.

Muhammad Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1981, and his wife Lonnie is now the spokesperson for a campaign called "Fight for More" sponsored by Valeant Pharmaceuticals, aimed at educating and supporting caregivers. Her personal story was inspiring, touching both patients and their partners.

**EVERYONE WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE NEEDS SOMEONE IN THEIR CORNER.**



## Events For Those Living With PD

### Parkinson's Unity Walk

The 14th Parkinson's Unity Walk will be held on Saturday, April 26, 10-3 in Manhattan's Central Park, NYC. This is the largest grassroots fundraiser for Parkinson's research in the country. [www.unitywalk.org](http://www.unitywalk.org).

### Sunnyvale Parkinson's Walk

Please join in the 4th Annual Sunnyvale Parkinson's Walk, **May 17**, beginning at 9 AM in Washington Park, Sunnyvale. Call 408.734.2800 for more details.

### PBS Frontline Special

Dave Iverson has been a television and radio producer for some 30 years and has Parkinson's disease. As he researched the disease further, he realized that Parkinson's raises really intriguing questions for science and our aging society. The story of his journey, including interviews with our own Dr. Langston and Marilyn Basham, will become a one-hour FRONTLINE program that will be broadcast and viewable online this summer.

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## PATIENT PROFILE

# An Unexpected Journey With Cindy

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I knew I needed a second opinion, maybe even 3, 4, or 5! Thankfully I ended up at The Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center in Sunnyvale, where I received excellent care, was treated with respect and kindness, and most importantly given a sense of hope. My new doctor agreed with the original diagnosis, and my journey as an official PD patient began.

The first 2 to 3 months was almost overwhelming. If my life were split into pieces of a pie, the PD took up 90% of the pie. Every morning I would wake up with a sense of dread. I cried a lot and felt tremendous fear about my future. I had thoughts like "Will my husband be up to dealing with whatever lies ahead?" "Will I be able to dance at my daughter's wedding?" (Mind you, she was only 12 at the time.) "Will I have to eventually use a walker?" I somehow felt I was losing my identity. My turning point was finding a local PD support group. I was very hesitant to attend, the thought of seeing someone with severe symptoms scared the daylights out of me. I did finally attend a meeting and I was surprised to see so many lively, loving people. I now have a wonderful circle of fellow PDer's who have freely shared their insight, empathy and incredible wisdom with me.

I am now beginning to see my Parkinson's as a strange backwards gift. The world is colored differently now. I was racing up the driveway with my daughter the other day, and felt so blessed to be able to share that with

her. Sunsets look more golden, raindrops feel more refreshing, and one of the best things that has happened, is I have discovered I'm an artist! I feel compelled to paint, photograph, bead, garden and create beautiful things. Art has brought me peace and has also quieted my racing mind. My relationships are richer than they have ever been, and I can now cut to the chase a lot quicker so I can get to the good stuff. I laugh deeper, listen better, and have a kinder heart. I've always believed that we add a new color to our imaginary "rainbow" when we weather stormy seas. Tough life lessons are the ones that make us grow the most. Turns out all of my favorite people are the ones that possess big colorful rainbows.

My Parkinson's diagnosis has definitely been my greatest challenge so far... but I can now say I am a person with a large, multi-colored rainbow. In short, it's been an unexpected journey, and like most journeys there have been a lot of bumps along the way. I continue to remind myself that I must take one day at a time, and most importantly to enjoy the scenery along the way.

*Cindy has generously donated many of her framed photographs to PI including "The Tree of Life" which hangs over our front reception desk.*



*Cindy and her doctor,  
Melanie Brandabur, M.D.*

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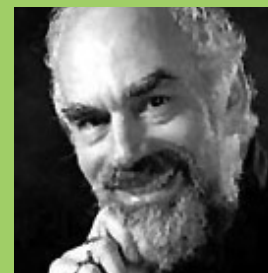
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Our esteemed colleague Tony Fink, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at University of California at Santa Cruz passed away on March 2, 2008 following a year-long illness. Tony was an Adjunct faculty member of the Basic Research department at the Institute. During Tony's forty-year career in academia he made many contributions to the field of biophysical chemistry. With more than 200 scientific publications, 20 book chapters, and three books, he was a world authority on protein folding. Mistakes in this molecular process lead to degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad-cow disease. Tony's research was to understand what goes wrong and to design treatments to repair the damage or prevent it from happening. He worked tirelessly towards the goal of designing potential drugs and therapeutic methods to combat Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. We offer our condolences to his family and many friends.



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9 am Starting Washington Park in Sunnyvale
- 5/27 **NEWLY DIAGNOSED PATIENT MEETING**  
1-3 pm at PI
- 6/21 **CLUB AUTO SPORT FUNDRAISING EVENT**  
to Benefit PI
- 9/26 **DANVILLE BLACKHAWK NIGHT**
- 9/28 **DANVILLE D'ELEGANCE**
- 10/4 **DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH**
- 11/3 **PI SYMPOSIUM**

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