Medication Beliefs of Patients with Parkinson’s Disease and their Caregivers

Purpose of this study:

The purpose of this study is to learn more about the beliefs that people have about the medications used to manage Parkinson’s disease (PD). PD is a chronic neurological disease causing difficulties with movement—such as tremor, stiffness, and slowness—as well as other common non-movement problems, such as changes in thinking, sleep disturbances, and changes in mood and behavior. Although there are many medications available to treat PD, none can cure it. **We are interested in learning how living with PD (or being the caregiver for someone with PD) has affected you and how you think about the medicines that are used to treat this condition.** Part of the eligibility requirements for the study is that you had to have previously participated in the Parkinson’s disease Registry at the Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Center and be a patient or caregiver of a patient at our center.

Procedures:

We normally ask patients to participate during the time of their routine clinic visit, either before or after their visit. The study takes approximately one hour to complete. All participants will be asked to fill out a few short questionnaires (pen-and-paper) and the study personnel will ask you several questions. We will use the results of the many questionnaires and tests that a participant completed previously as part of the Parkinson’s disease Registry study to give us more information without having a participant repeat those same tests.

Potential risks/Side effects:

There is a risk that one or more of the questions might make a participant feel uncomfortable or embarrassed, or that answering the questions causes fatigue. A participant does not have to answer any questions that make them uncomfortable and they may withdraw from the study at any time. We have tried to minimize any questions causing discomfort, embarrassment, or fatigue, and most items are filled out with pen-and-paper instead of being asked out loud.

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