

Managing the complications of Parkinson's disease treatment

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Parkinson's disease is a complex disease process that affects millions of people worldwide. The current treatment of Parkinson's disease in the United States consists of several classes of medications, each of which have multiple adverse effects. Management of Parkinson's disease is difficult as these medications may interfere with the other disease process of patients, placing them at a higher risk for adverse events. In addition, the polypharmacy component of these complicated patients increases the risk for drug interactions. This presentation will serve to review the management of Parkinson's disease, the motor complications associated with the medications that treat Parkinson's disease and considerations for Parkinson's disease management in those with complicating disease processes, such as dementia with behaviors.

Biography

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