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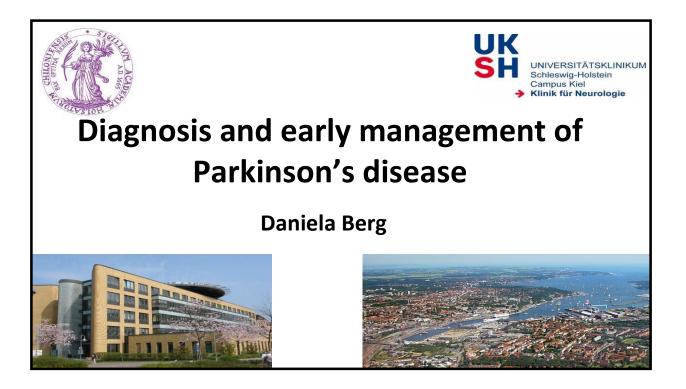
**Teaching Course 6** 

# EAN/MDS-ES: Movement disorders for general neurolgists (Level 2)

# Diagnosis and early management of Parkinson's disease

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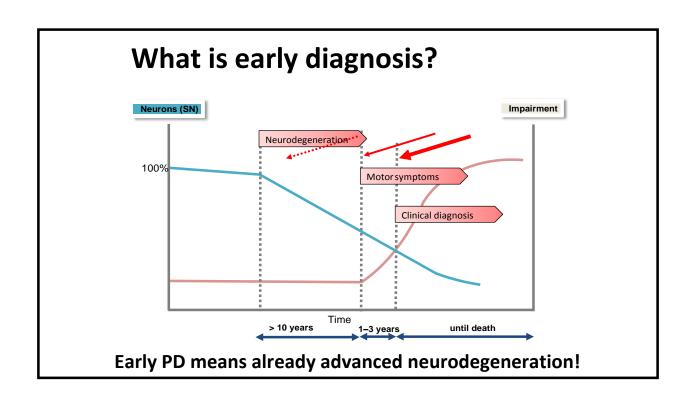




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# Learning objectives and outline

- 1. Early diagnosis of PD in general practice
- 2. Current therapeutic recommendations for initiation and early PD management
- 3. New knowledge about PD pathogenesis being transferred into practice



Diagnosing PD according to the current MDS Criteria		
REVIEW		
MDS Clinical Diagnostic Criteria for Parkinson's Disease		
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Mov Disord 2015		
Basis: Studies have suggested that experienced clinicians can diagnose PD with		
greater accuracy than formal diagnostic criteria (Hughes et al. Neurology 2001)		
Clinical expert as benchmark		
to codify the diagnostic process to		
make it reproducible and		
make it applicable by (relative) non-experts		

# For diagnosis

### 1. document parkinsonism

- **bradykinesia** defined as slowness of movement AND decrement in amplitude or speed (or progressive hesitations/halts) as movements are continued.



+ rigidity/tremor



# For diagnosis

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- bradykinesia + rigidity/tremor
- postural instability is NOT core feature for diagnosis anymore



# For differential diagnosis



# 1. incorporate positives and negatives

- positives 'supportive features' (dopamine response, dyskinesia, rest temor, MIBG abnormality/olfactory loss (4))
- negatives (supranuclear gaze palsy, drug-induced, etc. (19))

# 2. weigh features

- features simply incompatible with probable PD (EXCLUSION (9))
- other features argue against, but compatible ('RED FLAGS' (10))

# **Absolute exclusion criteria**

- 1. Unequivocal cerebellar abnormalities
- 2. Downward vertical supranuclear gaze palsy, or selective slowing of downward vertical saccades
- 3. Diagnosis of probable behavioral variant frontotemporal dementia or primary progressive aphasia
- 4. Parkinsonian features restricted to the lower limbs for more than 3y
- 5. Treatment with a dopamine receptor blocker or a dopamine-depleting agent in a dose and time-course consistent with drug-induced parkinsonism
- 6. Absence of observable response to high-dose levodopa despite at least moderate symptom severity
- 7. Unequivocal cortical sensory loss (ie, graphesthesia, stereognosis with intact primary sensory modalities), clear limb ideomotor apraxia, or progressive aphasia
- 8. Normal functional neuroimaging of the presynaptic dopaminergic system
- 9. Documentation of an alternative condition known to produce parkinsonism and plausibly connected to the patient's symptoms, or, the expert evaluating physician, based on the full diagnostic assessment feels that an alternative syndrome is more likely than PD



# **Red flags**

- 1. Rapid progression of gait impairment requiring regular use of wheelchair within 5 y of onset
- 2. A complete absence of progression of motor symptoms or signs over 5 or more y unless related to treatment
- 3. Early bulbar dysfunction: severe dysphonia or dysarthria (speech unintelligible most of the time) or severe dysphagia (requiring soft food, NG tube, or gastrostomy feeding) within first5
- 4. Inspiratory respiratory dysfunction: either diurnal or nocturnal inspiratory stridor or frequent inspiratory sighs
- 5. Severe autonomic failure in the first 5 y of disease. E.g. a) severe orthostatic decrease of blood pressure within 3 min of standing by at least 30 mm Hg systolic or 15 mm Hg diastolic or b) severe urinary retention or urinary incontinence in the first 5 y of disease
- 6. Recurrent (>1/y) falls because of impaired balance within 3 y of onset
- 7. Disproportionate anterocollis (dystonic) or contractures of hand or feet within the first 10 y
- 8. Absence of any of the common nonmotor features of disease despite 5 y disease duration
- 9. Otherwise-unexplained pyramidal tract signs, defined as pyramidal weakness or clear pathologic hyperreflexia
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# 3. interpret information

sometimes 'exclusion' is not really exclusionary

- e.g. early falls, what if playing tennis?
- So, for criteria interpretation is written into some criteria

# 4. incorporate time

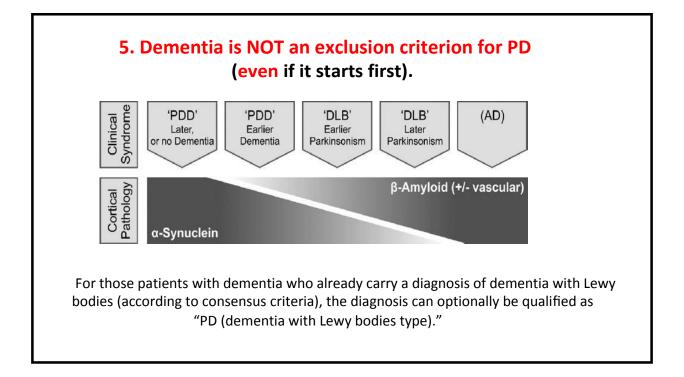
Time improves diagnosis, as it gives us:

- chance for atypical features to emerge
- chance to observe treatment response etc.

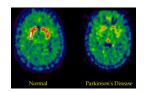








# 6. Ancillary diagnostic tests (possible!)

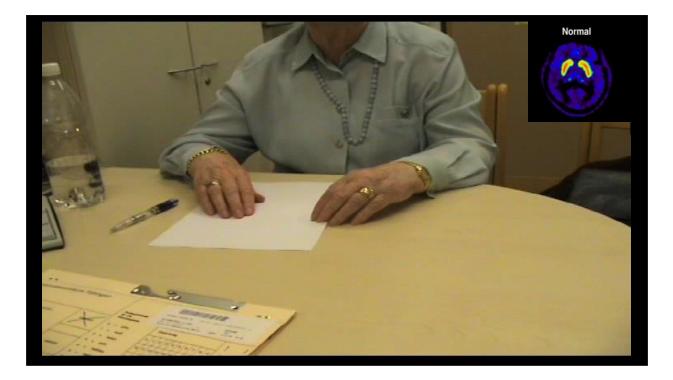


Depiction of the dopaminergic system normal scan = exclusion



Testing of olfaction high sensitivity (80%) and specificity (>80%)

### one of the supporting criteria





# **Certainty levels**

### **Clinically established PD:**

maximizing specificity,

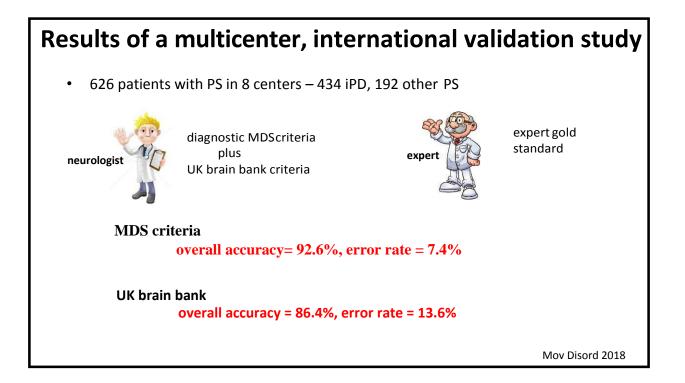
goal that at least 90% will truly have PD, presumed that many true PD cases will not meet this level

- 1) at least two supportive criteria
- 2) absence of absolute exclusion criteria
- 3) no red flags

### **Clinically probable PD:**

balancing sensitivity and specificity goal that at least 80% of patients truly have PD, also that 80% of true PD cases are identified

- 1) absence of absolute exclusion criteria
- 2) red flags counterbalanced by supportive criteria
  - if 1 red flag must have <a>1 supportive criterion</a>
  - if 2 red flags, at least >2 supportive criteria
  - no more than two red flags allowed



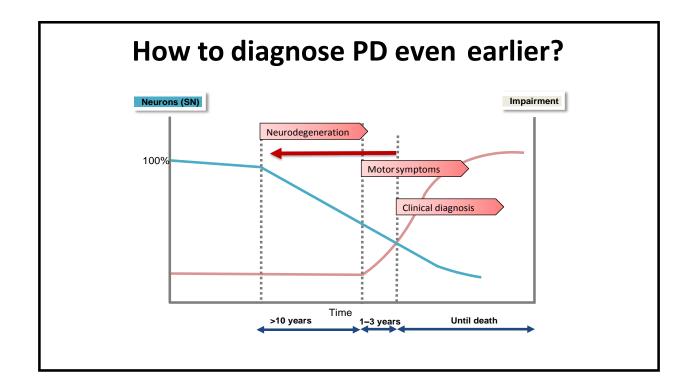


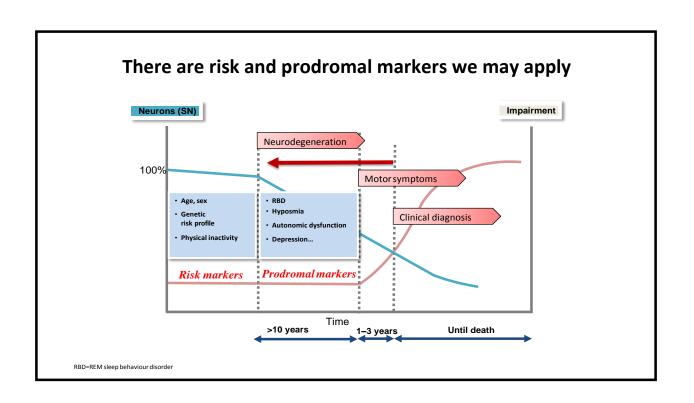
# MDS Criteria for Clinically Established Early PD Step 1 - Parkinsonism Bradykinesia + ≥1 of rest tremor, rigidity Step 2 - Differential Diagnosis amajor classes of criteria supportive criteria (4) absolute exclusions (9) red flags (10),

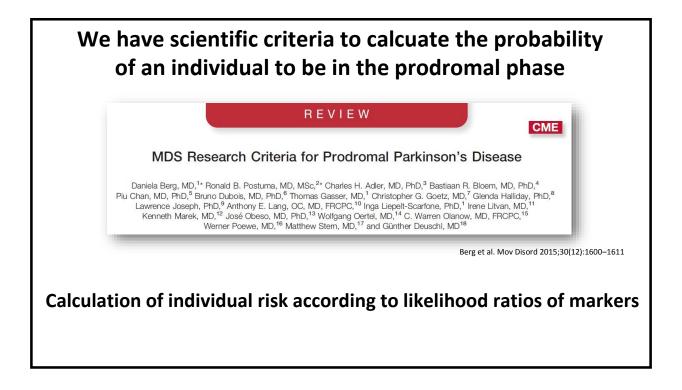
Among 212 PD and 152 non-PD patients: specificity 95.4%, sensitivity 69.8%

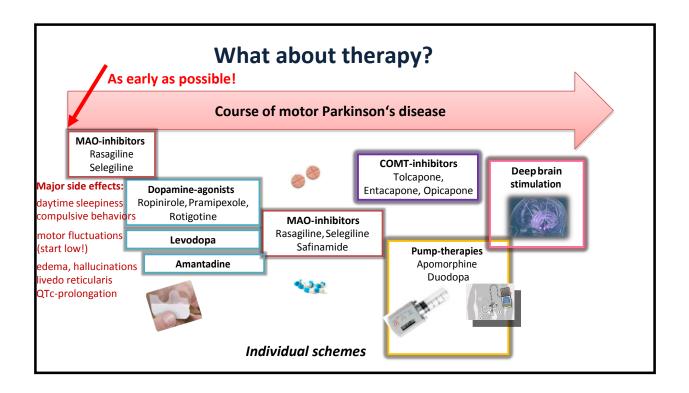
Designed specifically for studies of early PD (duration <5 years)

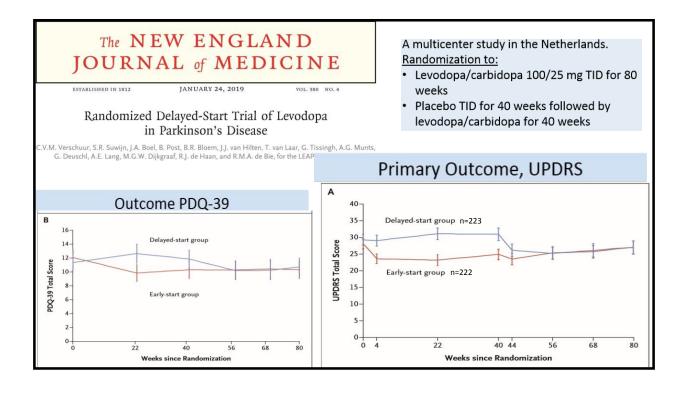
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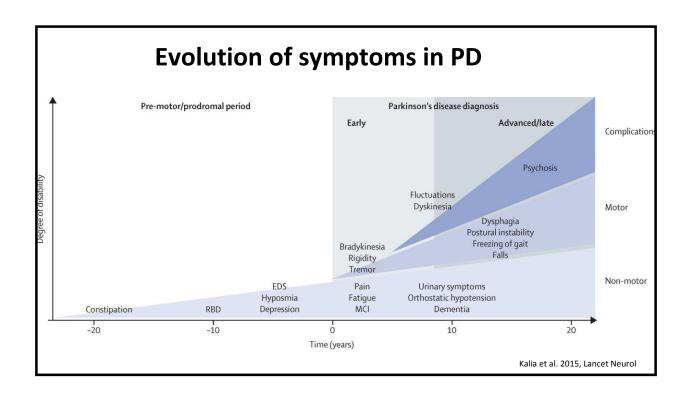


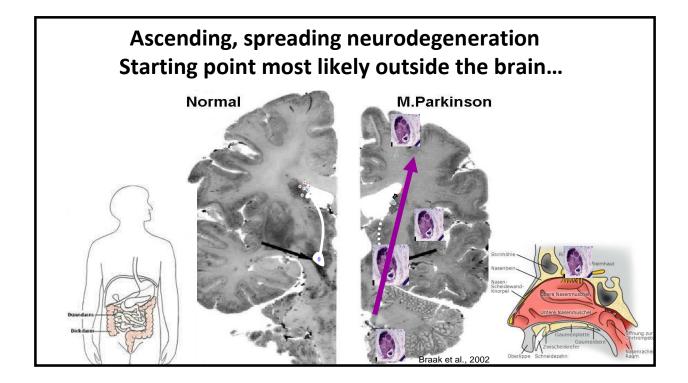


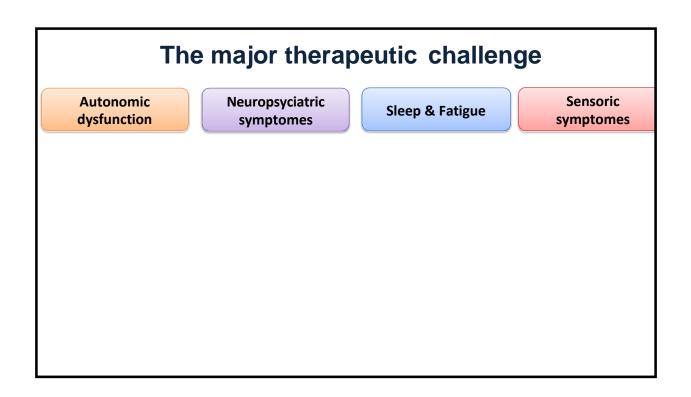


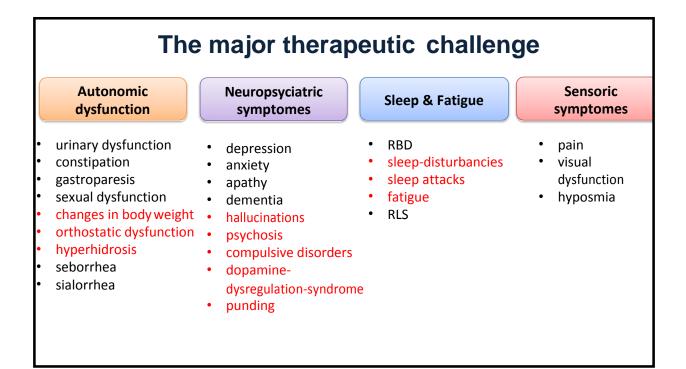


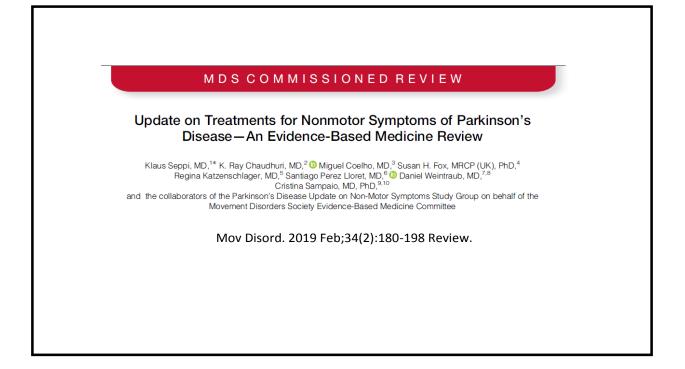


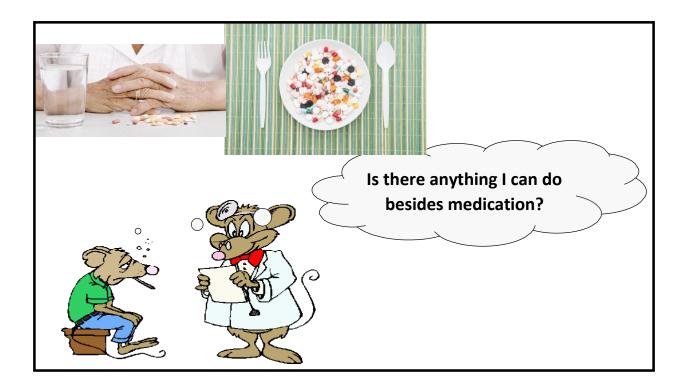


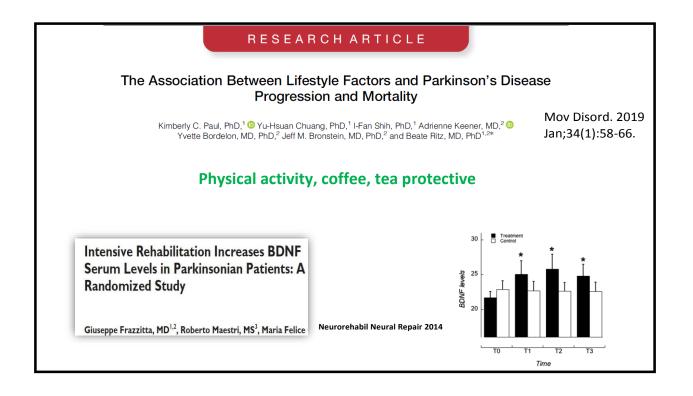






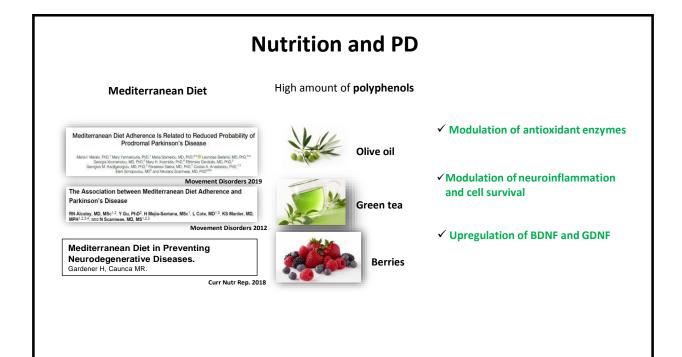












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- 2. Current therapeutic recommendations for initiation and early PD management – early medication, all symptoms, physical/mental activity, "mediterranen" diet
- 3. New knowledge about PD pathogenesis being transferred into practice - early diagnosis is late in neurodegenerative process, spreading pathology encompassing the whole nervous system leading to many burdensome non-motor symptoms

