

Center of Excellence (COE) Designation/Redesignation Criteria

Comprehensive Care

- Demonstrate at least 700 unique patients with Parkinson's disease in the last 12 months
- Provide exemplary, coordinated team care to be evaluated through the peer review process
- Provide care across the full spectrum of issues facing people living with Parkinson's disease (PD), including motor, non-motor, and cognitive symptoms
- Deliver person-centered care with a coordinated team approach at the point of diagnosis and throughout the PD journey that includes:
 - Two or more neurologists with training in movement disorders or specialization in Parkinson's disease
 - Designated PD center coordinator (may also serve as a social worker, nurse or other specialist on the team)
 - Registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant
 - Social Worker
 - Mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, neuropsychologist, or licensed professional counselor)
 - Physical therapist
 - Occupational therapist
 - Speech-language pathologist
 - Other disciplines as appropriate (e.g., pharmacist, dietitian)
- Demonstrate working knowledge of all evidence-based treatments for Parkinson's follow Parkinson's Disease Quality Measures/Guidelines (e.g., AAN) to deliver best practice care
- Provide all PD patients with equal access to center services
- Have an inpatient facility affiliation with a support services plan for hospitalized patients
- Demonstrate ongoing quality improvement (QI) initiatives (e.g., clinic operations, clinical care) within your center

Research

- Conduct PD clinical trials and/or clinical research studies at the center
- Conduct investigator-initiated research, relevant to Parkinson's, in at least two distinct areas at the institution including clinical, epidemiological, genetic, or basic/pre-clinical research
- Publish findings from this research in peer-reviewed journals or equivalent

Professional Training

- Provide clinical education and training to health care professionals (e.g., neurologists, nurses, PTs, social workers) through formal rotations and/or fellowships

- Demonstrate commitment to community health care provider education and training
Participate in Parkinson's Foundation Professional training (e.g., Parkinson's Team Training, Palliative Care Course)
- Participation in the Parkinson's Foundation Annual Centers Leadership Conference (e.g., center medical director, center coordinator) and other COE meetings/events

Community Education and Outreach

- Facilitate community-based educational events for people with PD, care partners and families (e.g., annual symposia, lunch and learn programs)
- Promote access to mental health and wellness programs, support groups and exercise programs
- Promote PD Health@Home
- Provide patients and families with access to current information about Parkinson's disease (e.g., newsletter, in-person education, resource materials and PD GENERation)
- Promote patient engagement

Collaboration with the Parkinson's Foundation

- Share Parkinson's Foundation educational resources with patients/families and health care professionals (e.g., Aware in Care Kits, books/fact sheets, Helpline)
- Demonstrate evidence of/or commitment to collaboration with the Parkinson's Foundation (e.g., participation in Foundation programs/initiatives, advisory councils/task forces, Moving Day events)
- Work in partnership with the Parkinson's Foundation to address the needs and priorities of underserved communities