

Center of Excellence Designation Criteria

Comprehensive Care

- Demonstrate at least 700 unique patients with parkinsonism in the last 12 months
- Provide exemplar team care to be evaluated through the peer review process
- Provide care across the full spectrum of patient issues, including motor, non-motor and cognitive symptoms
- Deliver care in a coordinated team model that includes:
 - 2 or more neurologists with training in movement disorders or specialization in Parkinson's disease
 - Registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant
 - Patient and family support services (social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or other trained therapist)
 - Physical therapist
 - Occupational therapist
 - Speech-language pathologist
 - Other disciplines as appropriate
- Provide access to allied health providers offering evidence-based modalities
- Center must be knowledgeable about all evidence-based treatments for Parkinson's
- Provide all Parkinson's patients with equal access to services
- In-patient facility affiliation and support services plan for hospitalized patients

Research

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

Professional Training

- Provide clinical training to neurologists and non-neurologists through fellowships and programs
- Demonstrate commitment to community provider education and training

Patient Education and Community Outreach

- Facilitate educational events for patients and families, for instance, annual symposia, and lunch and learn programs
- Promote access to wellness programs, for example, support groups, exercise programs, etc.
- Provide patients and families with access to current information about Parkinson's disease, e.g., newsletter, in-person education, resource materials