

# Parkinson's Symposium

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m. EDT**

Forsyth Conference Center  
3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd  
Cumming, GA 30041

## AGENDA

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| <b>9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.</b>      | <b>Check-in, Breakfast, Resource Fair, Speech &amp; Hearing Assessments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>9:50 a.m. – 10 a.m.</b>     | <b>Welcome</b><br>Annie Long<br>Senior Director, Community Education & Outreach, Southeast<br><i>Parkinson's Foundation</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.</b>    | <b>Mind, Movement, &amp; Muscle: A Collaborative Exercise Demo for Holistic Therapy</b><br>Brittney Hooker, PT, DPT, and Ally Brainard, PT, DPT<br><i>Synapse NeuroRehab</i><br><br>Willy Goggins<br><i>Center for Movement Challenges</i><br><br>Amanda Smith, SLP<br><i>Lasting Language Therapy Services</i><br><br>Shea Ellingson, LMT<br><i>Star Dynamic Wellness</i> |
| <b>10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Current State of Parkinson's Research &amp; What Lies Ahead</b><br>Maggie Caulfield, PhD<br>Director of Research Programs<br><i>Parkinson's Foundation</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>10:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b>    | <b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>11 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.</b>    | <b>Everyday Wins: Simple Exercises for Swallowing, Voice, and Brain Health</b><br>Nina Santus, Ph.D., CCC/SLP<br>Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and<br>Special Education<br><i>The University of Georgia</i>                                                                                                                           |

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- 11:20 a.m. – 12 p.m.**      **Expert Panel Discussion: Optimizing Parkinson's Care**  
Thomas Wichmann, MD  
Associate Director, Movement Disorder Division  
*Emory University School of Medicine*
- Paul Beach DO, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology  
*Emory University School of Medicine*
- Evan Johnson, MD  
Movement Disorder Specialist  
*Piedmont Neurology of Fayetteville*
- Larry Kahn & Lloyd Spann  
People with Parkinson's
- 12 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.**      **Question & Answer Session**
- 12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.**      **Lunch Break, Resource Fair, Speech & Hearing Assessments**
- 12:50 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.**      **3 Smart Moves to Protect Your Future (Before It's Too Late)**  
Jennifer Ghorley, JD, CELA  
Elder Law Attorney  
*Hurley Elder Care Law*
- 1:10 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.**      **Parkinson's in Motion: Research, Reality, and a Reason to Dance**  
Madeleine E. Hackney, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology  
*Emory University School of Medicine*
- Research Health Scientist, Center for Visual and Neurocognitive Rehabilitation  
*Atlanta VA Health Care System*
- 1:55 p.m. – 2 p.m.**      **Closing Remarks**