



Network of Excellence Designation/Redesignation Criteria

Network of Excellence must:

- Designate a full-time Parkinson's Foundation Network of Excellence Coordinator to:
 - Serve as a liaison between the Parkinson's Foundation and center directors and coordinators across the Network
 - Facilitate communication and collaboration across the Network
 - Promote an interdisciplinary, person-centered approach to care, education, and research across the Network
 - Share Parkinson's Foundation information and resources with centers
 - Coordinate and execute Network meetings
 - Participate in Parkinson's Foundation meetings, share information, and act as a resource and advisor to the Network
 - Spread awareness and information about Parkinson's disease care, Parkinson's Foundation programs and resources, and the Network
 - Collaborate with site medical directors to ensure that each center maintains Network of Excellence criteria and designation as a center in the Network
- Be composed of three or more individual Parkinson's disease centers
- Demonstrate collaboration across centers (e.g., research activities, educational events, quality improvement activities)
- Participate in Network of Excellence meetings (in-person or virtual) at least twice a year
- Work in partnership with the Parkinson's Foundation to address the needs of underrepresented communities

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Centers in the Network

Comprehensive Care

- Demonstrate a patient volume of at least 400 unique individuals with Parkinson's, per center, over the last 12 months
- Provide exemplary 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 physicians with training in movement disorders or specialization in Parkinson's disease (at least one must be a MDS neurologist)
 - Center coordinator (may also serve as a social worker, nurse or other specialist on the team)
 - Registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician's 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 and follow Parkinson's Disease Quality Measures/Guidelines (e.g., American Academy of Neurology) to deliver best practice care
- Provide all Parkinson's patients with equal access to center services
- Have an inpatient facility affiliation/consult service with a support services plan for hospitalized patients
- Demonstrate ongoing quality improvement initiatives (e.g., clinic operations, clinical care) within your center and in collaboration with the network
- Participate in team interdisciplinary meetings (in-person or virtual), at least monthly
- Promote and practice patient engagement in care (e.g., patient advisory boards)

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Research

- Participate in research relevant to Parkinson's (e.g., clinical trials/studies, genetic, translational, or basic science)
- Publish findings from this research in peer-reviewed journals or equivalent
- Promote and practice patient engagement in research

Professional Training

- Provide clinical training in Parkinson's disease to health care professionals (e.g., neurologists, nurses, rehabilitation therapists) through formal rotations and/or fellowships
- Provide Parkinson's education to community-based providers (e.g., webinars, symposia)
- Participate in Parkinson's-related continuing education activities
- Participate in the Annual Centers Leadership Conference (e.g., network coordinator, center medical director)

Community Education and Outreach

- Provide community-based educational events for people with Parkinson's, 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
- Provide people with Parkinson's and families current information about Parkinson's disease (e.g., newsletter, in-person education, resource materials and PD GENERation)

Collaboration with the Parkinson's Foundation

- Share educational resources with people with Parkinson's, care partners, and health care professionals
- Share relevant Parkinson's Foundation educational resources with people with Parkinson's, care partners, and health care professionals
- Engage and collaborate with the Parkinson's Foundation (e.g., program presenter/speaker, grant reviewer, participant in the Mentoring and Networking Program and events)