

Your DBS. Your Discussion.

A discussion guide for Parkinson's patients

1. Background Information

Use this guide to discuss with your movement disorder neurologist whether Deep Brain Stimulation could be a good option for you.

Patient Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Diagnosed with Parkinson's: _____ When: _____ Completed by: _____













2. Symptoms

You reported these symptoms for a duration of at least 5 years.

Resting tremor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shuffle steps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rigidity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insomnia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Severe freezing of gait	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slow movement (bradykinesia)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pain/bodily discomfort	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involuntary movements (dyskinesia)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant impairment of bladder/bowel function	<input type="checkbox"/>
Severe postural instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant difficulties swallowing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motor fluctuations	<input type="checkbox"/>		

3. Good Quality ON Time Each Day

Indicate when during the day you have good control over your movements by circling the faces for each time of day.

	When you first wake up	Morning hours	Late Morning	Afternoon	Late Afternoon	Evening	When you go to bed
On Time							
Off Time							

4. Reported Treatments

	TYPE	BRAND	DOSAGE
Prescription drugs	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Non-drug treatments	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

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5. Possible Contraindications

Dementia (e.g. Alzheimer's disease)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any condition that requires you to take prescription blood thinners, including warfarin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depression (Severe, untreated or associated with suicidal tendencies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	None of these	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recurrent seizures or stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Therapy Goals

- In the left column, rank the top three treatment goals that you would like to achieve with DBS. Use a 1 to indicate your top priority.
- When you go to your appointment, ask your movement disorder neurologist to complete the same exercise in the middle column. After, discuss your results and complete the exercise together in the column on the right.

	What I would like to achieve with DBS	What my neurologist would like me to achieve with DBS	What we both agree is possible to achieve with DBS
Rigidity	_____	_____	_____
Tremor	_____	_____	_____
Slow movements	_____	_____	_____
Uncontrolled movements	_____	_____	_____
Medication reduction	_____	_____	_____
Insomnia	_____	_____	_____
Shuffling	_____	_____	_____
Cognition	_____	_____	_____
Speech	_____	_____	_____
Anxiety	_____	_____	_____
Swallowing	_____	_____	_____
Pain	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

7. Your Questions

Important questions to discuss with your movement disorder neurologist. Use this space for notes.

When is the right time to consider DBS?

What are the side effects of my current medication regimen?

Can I expect to reduce my medications as a DBS patient?

What resources are available for caregivers to provide better support and care?

Are there activities I need to avoid if I get DBS?

7. Your Questions, Continued

Important questions to discuss with your movement disorder neurologist. Use this space for notes.

If I need to, can I have the DBS system removed?

Will my insurance pay for my DBS surgery?

What is the DBS surgery like?

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