

#### Personalizing Treatment for Parkinson's Disease: What Can You Do to Manage Off Episodes in Your Patients?

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This live virtual TeleECHO program will explore the management of off episodes in patients with Parkinson's disease. Interactive case studies presented by expert faculty will evaluate pharmacologic approaches to reduce daily off time, including the efficacy and safety of on-demand therapies. Engaging whiteboard animation will review the pathophysiology of off episodes and the mechanism of action of treatment options.

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- Discriminate between the various motor and non-motor "off" phenomena and their underlying developmental mechanisms
- Contrast the distinct mechanisms of action and clinical profiles of therapeutic strategies for treating "off" states
- Develop communication skills that can reveal the presence of "off" episodes

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#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Off Episodes in Parkinson's Disease: An Overview

- a. Incidence of off episodes in Parkinson's disease
- b. Motor and non-motor symptoms
- c. Types of off episodes
- d. Impact of off episodes on patient quality of life
- e. Timing of off episodes

#### 2. Management of Off Episodes

- a. Factors affecting PD management
- b. Oral therapies
  - i. Adjusting levodopa dose or administration frequency
  - ii. Switching to an extended-release formulation
- c. Adjunctive therapies
  - i. Efficacy and safety of available options
  - ii. Selecting an appropriate agent
  - iii. Common adverse events with adjunctive therapies
- d. On-demand therapies
  - i. Inhaled levodopa
  - ii. Subcutaneous apomorphine
  - iii. Sublingual apomorphine film
- e. Surgical options for advanced disease

#### 3. Personalizing Treatment

- a. Selecting treatment options based on type of off episode
- b. Considering patient-specific factors
- c. Goals of therapy
- d. Multidisciplinary care of Parkinson's disease

#### 4. Interactive Case Studies

#### 5. Questions and Answers

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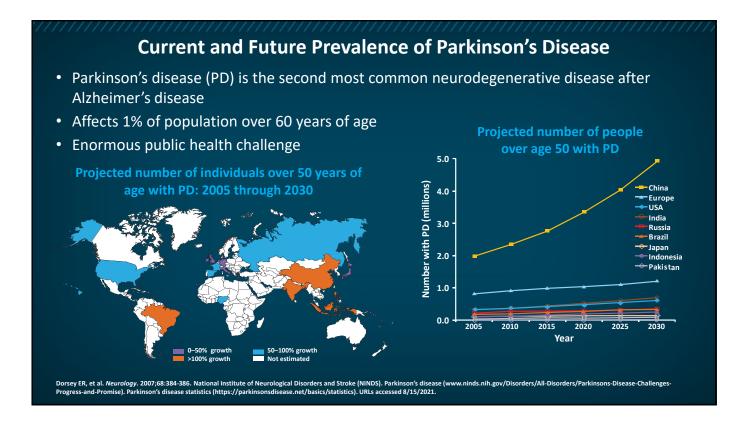
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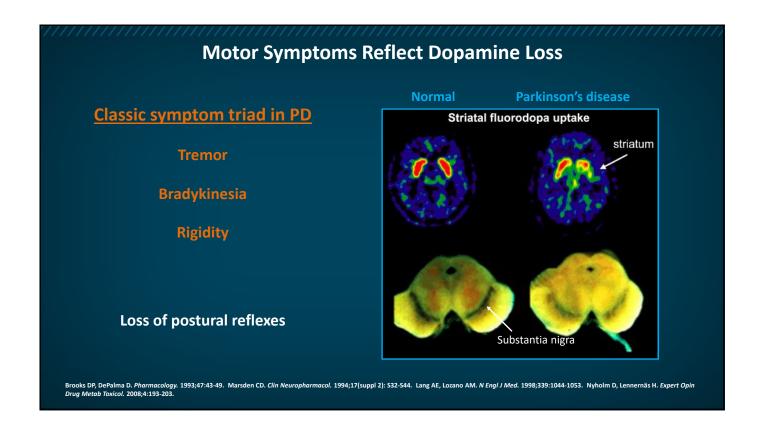
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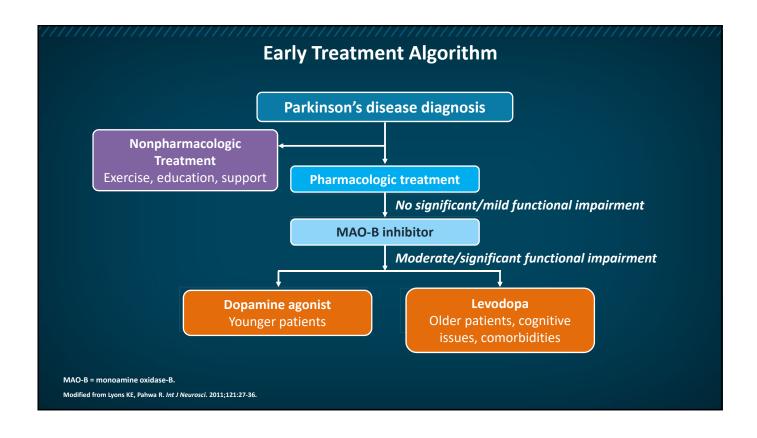
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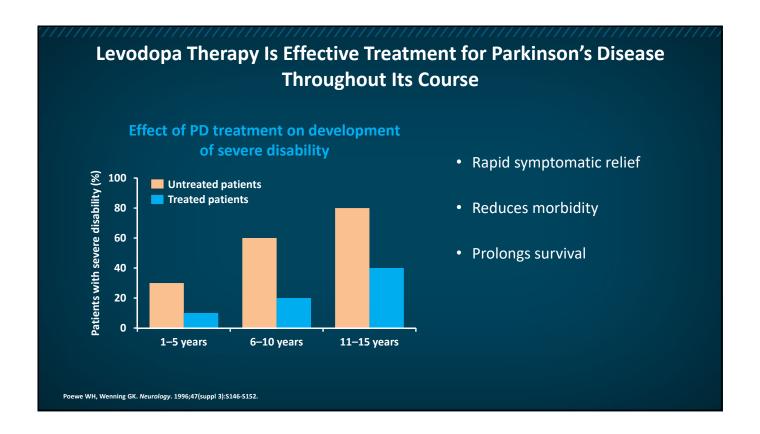
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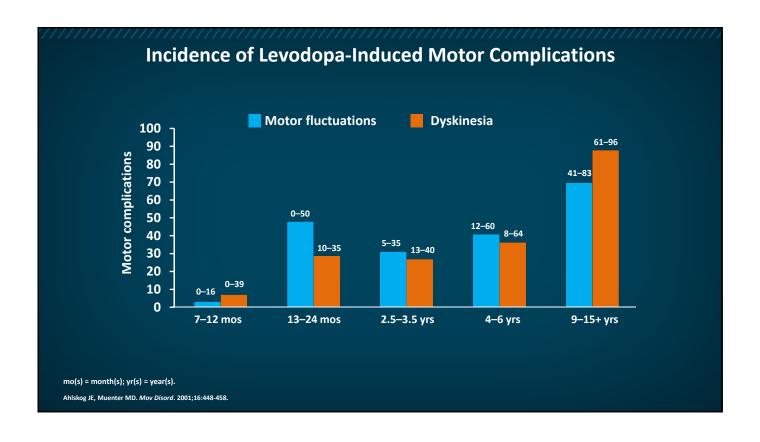
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#### **How Do Patients With PD View Their OFF episodes?**

Ranking of 10 most troubling symptoms in 173 patients with >6 years disease duration

Rank	Symptom/condition	Total score
1	Fluctuating response to medication	115
2	Mood	96
3	Drooling	85
4	Sleep	83
5	Tremor	67
6	Pain	60
7	Bowel problems	46
8	Urinary problems	40
9	Falls	39
10	Appetite/weight	36

"Voice of the Patient" project (FDA patient meeting, 2016)

"Participants expressed frustration with periods of 'off-time', which was described as unpredictable exacerbation of symptoms during which medications were less effective.

A few described the unpredictability that off-time brought into their lives on a daily basis."

FDA = US Food and Drug Administration.

Politis M, et al. Mov Disord. 2010;25:1646-1651. FDA. The voice of the patient (www.fda.gov/media/124392/download). Accessed 8/12/2021

#### Impact of Different Types of OFF Episodes on Quality of Life

Impact of motor complications, especially levodopa-induced dyskinesias, on QoL was studied in 143 patients with PD

- Mobility, ADL, stigma, and communication most strongly affected
- Significant PDQ-39 Summary Index worsened in all 143 patients with PD

Dimensions of PDQ-39 Significantly Related to Motor Fluctuations					
PDQ-39 dimension	End-of-dose fluctuations	Nocturnal akinesia	Early morning akinesia	Unpredictable OFF episodes	Paradoxical Fluctuations
Mobility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ADL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emotional well-being		✓			
Stigma	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social support		✓			
Cognition		<b>✓</b>			
Communication	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Bodily discomfort		<b>✓</b>		✓	
Total score	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>

✓ = Statistically significant; QoL = quality of life; PDQ = Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire; ADL = activities of daily living. Chapuis S. et al. Mov Disord. 2005:20:224-230.

#### Click here for whiteboard animation

How Patients Experience the 4 Types of Off Episodes

#### **Motor Fluctuations Reflect Different Types of OFF Episodes**

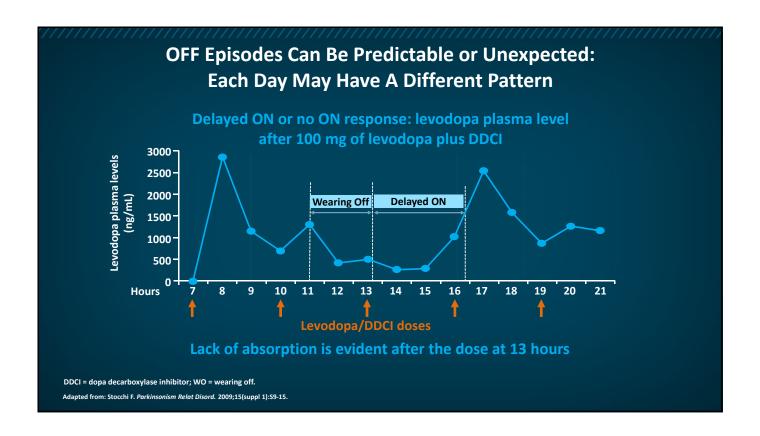
- Types of motor fluctuations<sup>1,2</sup>
  - "End-of-dose wearing off" predictable
  - "Delayed time to ON"
    - Delayed-ON (postprandial akinesia)
    - Suboptimal-ON
    - No ON (dose failure)
  - "ON–OFF" phenomena—unpredictable
  - Nocturnal akinesia
  - Early morning akinesia
- Dyskinesias<sup>1</sup> and nonmotor fluctuations<sup>2,3</sup> may also occur

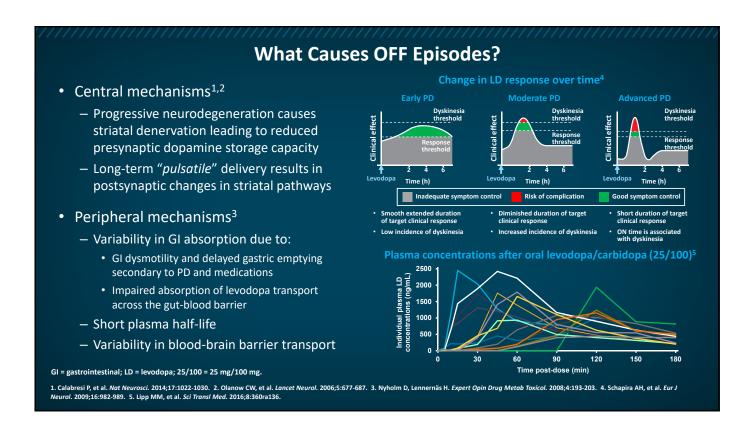
Relative incidence of different motor
fluctuations and dyskinesias <sup>1</sup>

	Patients	
	(n)	%
Fluctuations	94	66.0
Early morning akinesia	55	58.5
Nocturnal akinesia	54	57.5
End-of-dose fluctuations	74	78.7
Paradoxical fluctuations	47	50.0
"Unpredictable OFFS"	34	36.2
LID	81	57.0
Peak dose	59	72.8
Diphasic	14	17.3
OFF	10	12.4
Morning dystonia	27	33.3

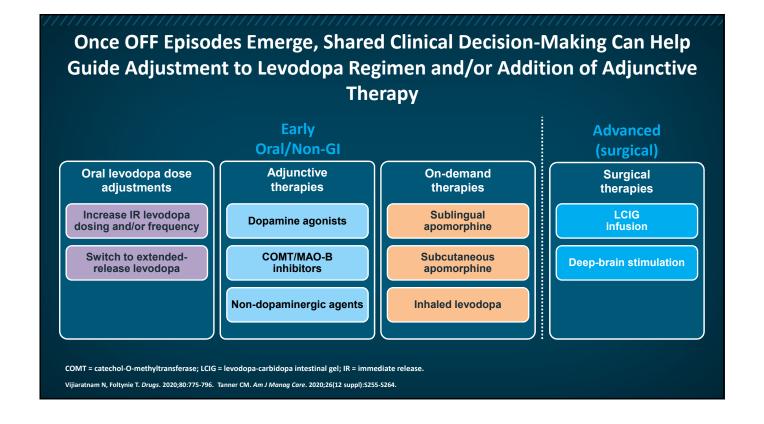
LID = levodopa-induced dyskinesia; MF = motor fluctuation.

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# Absorption of Oral Levodopa Is Often Variable PD is associated with delayed gastric emptying Food can interfere with levodopa absorption High-fat meals can slow gastric emptying Amino acids from food proteins compete with levodopa for absorption Helicobacter pylori gastric infection can affect levodopa absorption Gut bacterial tyrosine decarboxylase can reduce levodopa absorption Floiffer RF, et al Parkimsonium Relat Disord. 2020;76:63:71. Stacher G, et al. Dig Dis Sci. 1991;36:1259-1265. van Kessel SP, et al. Not Commun. 2019;10:310.



#### **Medication Approaches to Reduce Daily OFF Time**

- Carbidopa/levodopa
  - Increase levodopa during day or increase dosing frequency
  - Switch to sustained-release levodopa
  - Switch to ER capsules
  - Levodopa infusion
- Add dopamine agonists
  - Pramipexole
  - Pramipexole ER
  - Ropinirole
  - Ropinirole ER
  - Rotigotine transdermal

- Add MAO-B inhibitors
  - Rasagiline
  - Selegiline
  - Selegiline ODT (Zydis)
  - Safinamide
- Add COMT inhibitors
  - Entacapone
  - Opicapone
  - Tolcapone
- · Add amantadine ER capsules at bedtime
- Add adenosine A2A antagonist
  - Istradefylline

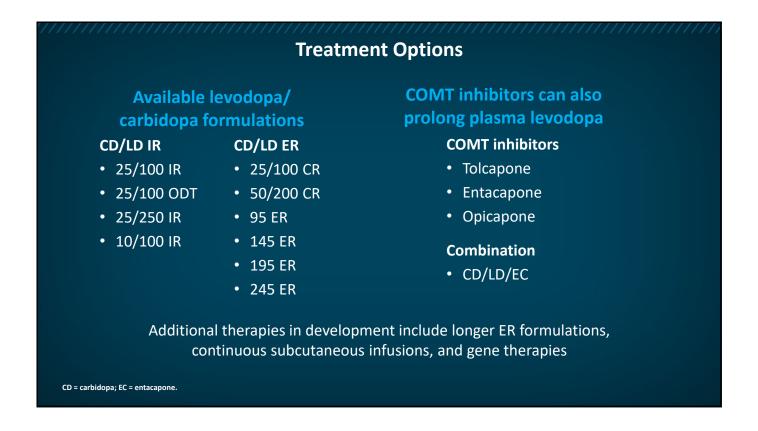
ER = extended release; ODT = oral disintegrating tablet; A2A = adenosine A(2A) receptor.

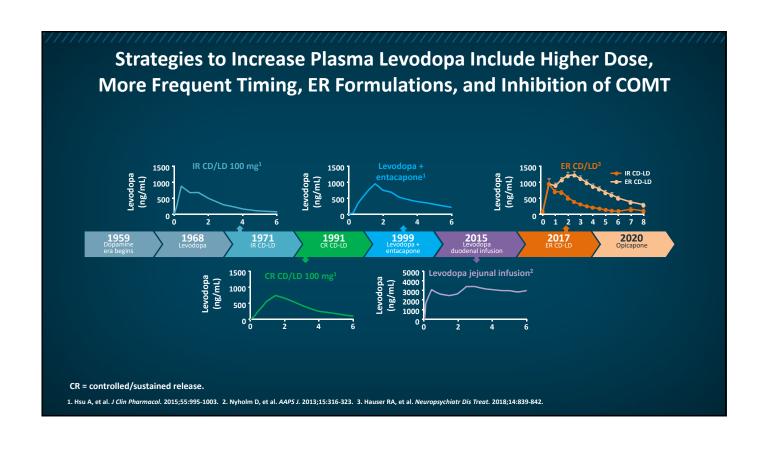
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#### **Factors Affecting PD Management**

- Symptoms and symptom severity
- Occupational status and lifestyle
- Age
- Non-motor symptoms
  - Cognitive, behavioral, and psychiatric status
  - Sleep disorders (RBD, sleep apnea)
  - Orthostatic hypotension
  - Constipation
- Comorbidities and concomitant medications

RBD = REM (rapid eye movement) sleep behavior disorder.



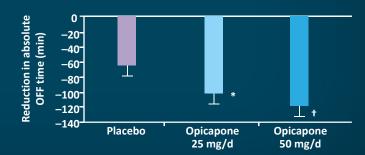


#### **COMT Inhibitors**

- Prevent peripheral degradation of levodopa by inhibiting COMT
- · Prolong duration of levodopa benefit
- Potentially reduce levodopa dose necessary for a clinical benefit

Available options include:

- Tolcapone
- Entacapone
- Opicapone



\*Not significant. †P< .01.

d = day

Rinne UK, et al. Neurology. 1998;51:1309-1314. Parkinson study group. Ann Neurol. 1997;42:747-755. Brooks DJ, et al. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2003;74:1071-1079. Poewe WH, et al. Acta Neurol Scand. 2002;105:245-255. Lees AJ, et al. JAMA Neurol. 2017;74:197-206 and supplement.

#### **Additional Treatment Options**

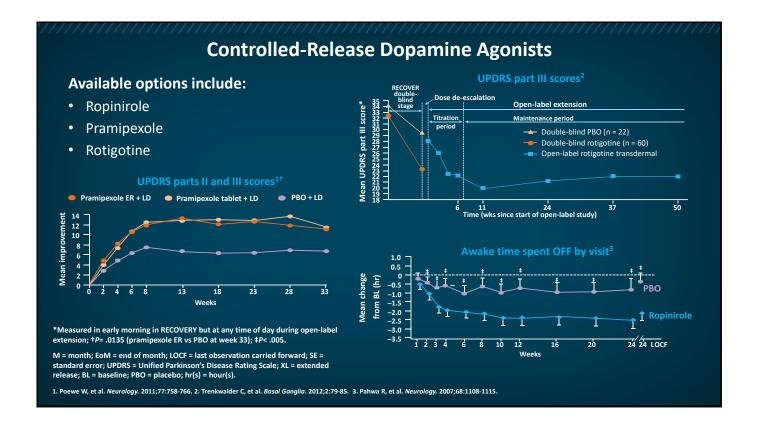
Striatal dopaminergic tone can be increased by MAO inhibitor or dopamine agonist

- MAO-B inhibitors
  - Selegiline
  - Selegiline ODT
  - Rasagiline
  - Safinamide
- Dopamine agonists
  - Pramipexole
  - Pramipexole ER
  - Ropinirole
  - Ropinirole ER
  - Rotigotine

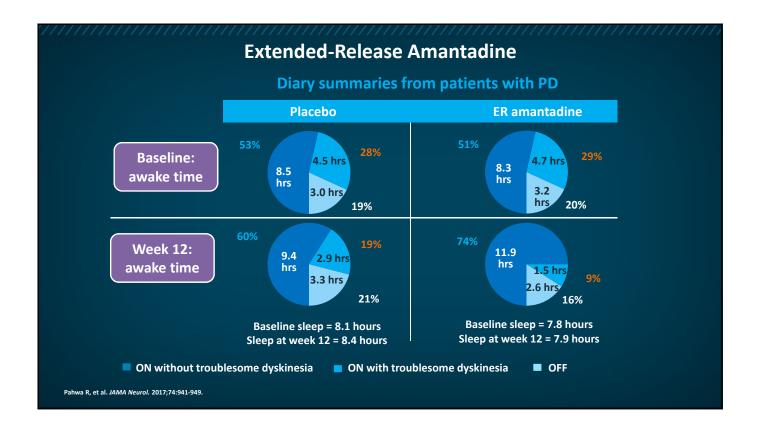
Nondopaminergic adenosine and glutamate antagonists can also modulate striatal pathways

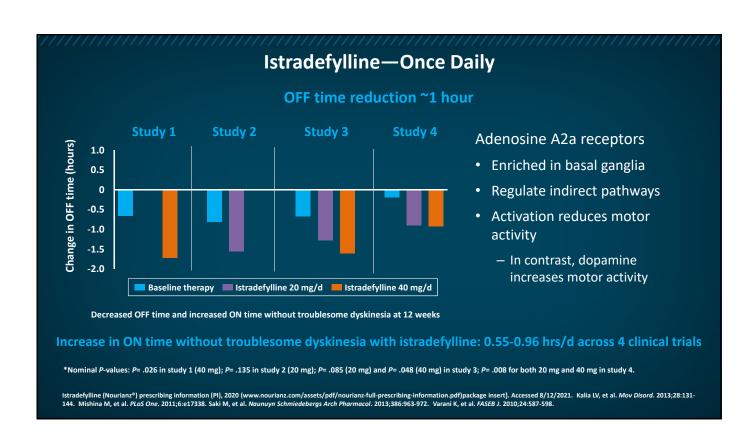
- NMDA antagonists
  - Amantadine IR
  - Amantadine ER
  - Amantadine ER hs
- Adenosine A2A antagonist
  - Istradefylline

NMDA = N-methyl-D-aspartate; hs = at bedtime.



# Safinamide • Safinamide is an α-aminoamide • Mechanism of action — Both dopaminergic and nondopaminergic — Inhibition of MAO-B — Na+ channel blockade — Modulation of stimulated release of glutamate • Oral: 50 or 100 mg once in 1 day





#### **Reduction in OFF Time With Adjunctive Therapies**

Medication	OFF-time reduction	Doses per day, no.
Dopamine agonists		
Pramipexole/ropinirole	1.5–2 hours/day	3
Pramipexole ER/ropinirole XL/rotigotine	0.7–1.5 hours/day	1
MAO-B inhibitors		
Rasagiline/safinamide/selegiline ODT	0.9–1.6 hours/day	1
COMT inhibitors		
Entacapone/opicapone	0.7–1.2 hours/day	0 (combination) –1
A2A antagonists		
lstradefylline	1 hour/day	1
NMDA antagonist		
Amantadine ER	1 hour/day	1

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#### **Common Dopaminergic Adverse Events in Advanced PD**

	Dizziness	Hallucinations	Nausea	Orthostatic Hypotension	Somnolence	Dyskinesia
Carbidopa/levodopa	2–3%	3–5%	4–6%	1%	NR	13–16%
MAO-B inhibitors	2–14%	<3–6%	6–20%	2–9%	2–6%	18–21%
Dopamine agonists	2–26%	7–17%	11–30%	1–53%	7–32%	13–47%
Apomorphine SC	20%	10%	30%	20%	35%	35%
Entacapone	8%	4%	14%	4%	2%	25%
Istradefylline	6%	6%	6%	NR	NR	17%
Amantadine ER	16%	21%	8%	13%	<3%	NR

PI does not list frequency of AEs; taken from ELLDOPA, CALM-PD, and 056.

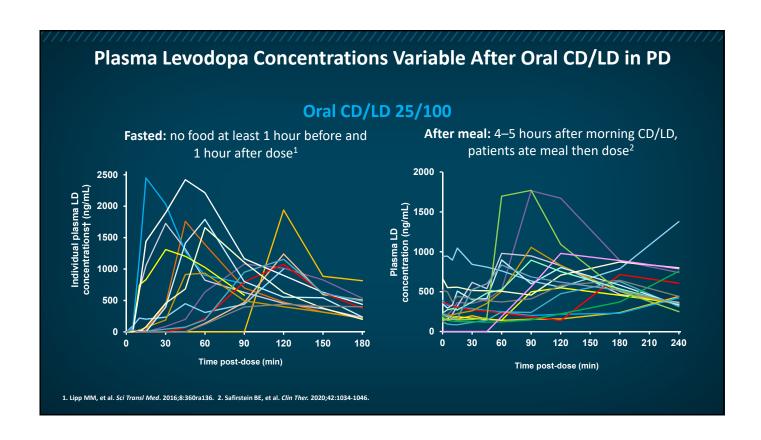
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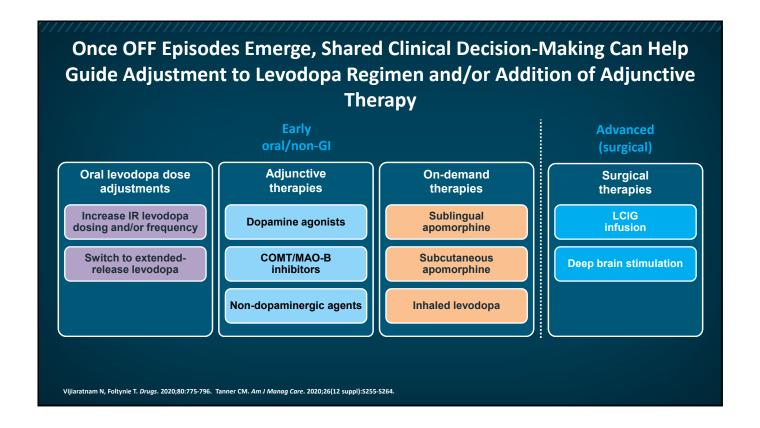
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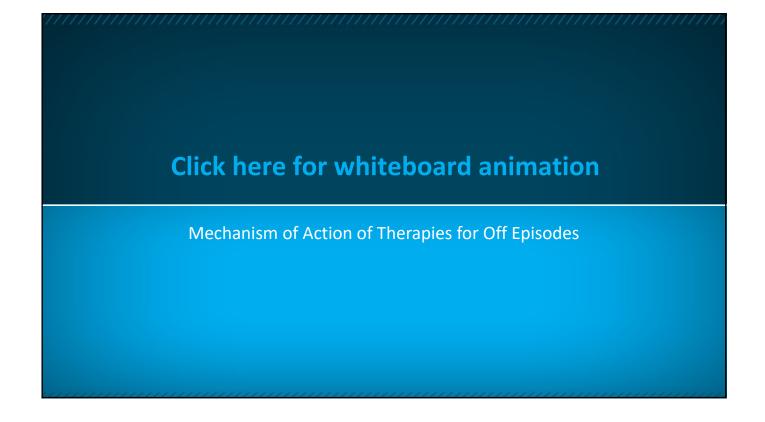
#### **Delayed ON, Morning OFF, and Dose Failures**

- Variability of intestinal levodopa absorption can be addressed with non-GI, on-demand formulations of levodopa and apomorphine
- GI (all affected by GI dysmotility)
  - Oral CD/LD
  - Orally disintegrating CD/LD tablet
  - Liquid CD/LD
- Non-GI (avoids GI variability)
  - Apomorphine sublingual
  - Apomorphine subcutaneous injection
  - Inhaled LD

Pfeiffer RF, et al. Parkinsonism Relat Disord. 2020;76:63-71.







### On-Demand Therapies Are Efficacious and Generally Well Tolerated for Management of "OFF" Episodes

Drug	Efficacy	Most common adverse events
Sublingual apomorphine	Significant improvement in UPDRS-III scores vs PBO (LSM treatment difference: −7.6 at 30 min after dosing at week 12)     35% of apomorphine patients turned ON 30 min post dose vs 16% on PBO	Nausea (treat with antiemetic beginning 3 days prior to 1st dose)     Oral/pharyngeal soft tissue swelling     Oral/pharyngeal soft tissue pain and paresthesia     Dizziness     Somnolence
Subcutaneous apomorphine	<ul> <li>Significant improvement in UPDRS-III scores vs placebo (-23.9 vs -0.1)</li> <li>Significant efficacy as recorded by Columbia Parkinson's disease score</li> </ul>	Nausea and/or vomiting Dyskinesia Dizziness/ postural hypotension Rhinorrhea Somnolence/drowsiness Yawning Hallucination/confusion Edema/swelling of extremities
Inhaled levodopa	• Significant improvement in UPDRS-III scores vs PBO (LSM treatment difference: −3.07 at 30 min after dosing at week 12 (84 mg))  • 58% of inhaled levodopa 84 mg patients turned ON by 60 min post dose vs 36% on PBO	Cough     Upper respiratory tract infection     Sputum discolored

LSM = least squares mean.

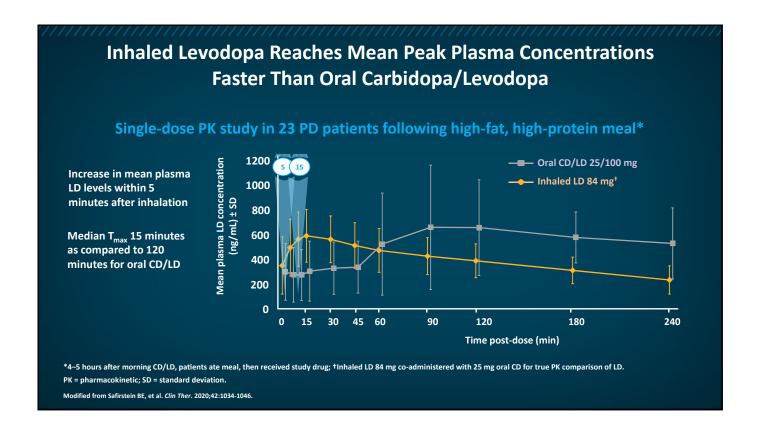
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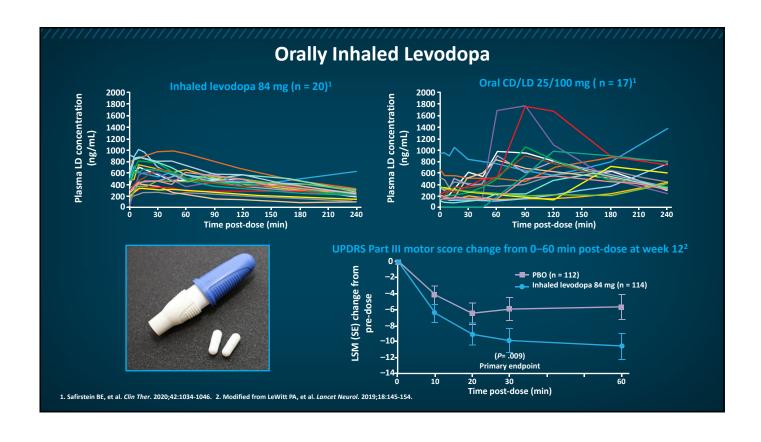
#### **Levodopa Inhalation Powder**

- Levodopa inhalation powder is a self-administered, LD inhalation powder for treatment of OFF periods in people with PD as an adjunct to oral CD/LD regimen<sup>1</sup>
- Drug/device combination consists of an LD powder formulation in capsules that are placed in a breath-actuated inhaler that delivers dose
  - Absorbed in lower lung, thereby bypassing GI system and avoiding first-pass metabolism<sup>1-3</sup>
- 84-mg dose consists of two 42 mg capsules; may be taken a maximum 5 times/day<sup>3</sup>

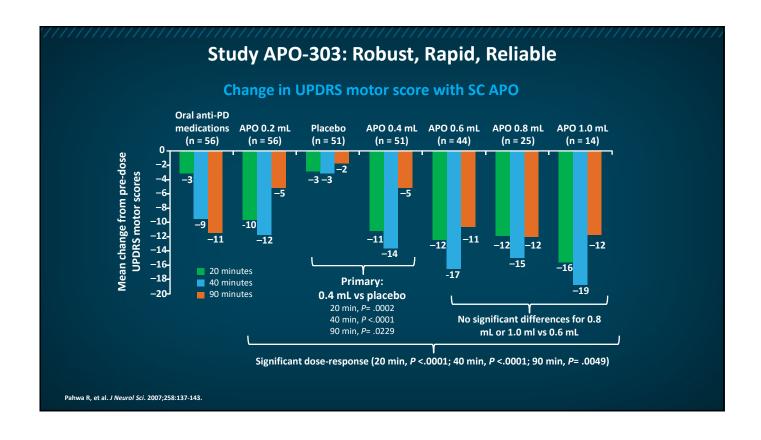


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#### **Apomorphine Subcutaneous Injection** · Apomorphine, "old" drug, used since 1869 as emetic Rapid, reliable improvement after Potent dopamine agonist at both apomorphine injection (APO302 study) D1 and D2 dopamine-receptor sites Time (min) 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 **Mean change from pre-dose** Administered subcutaneously with ~100% bioavailability -5 -10 - Fast-acting $(T_{max} = 10-60 \text{ min})$ Pooled apomorphine -15 - Short duration (half life = 30-60 treatment groups (n = 35) **-20** -25 Pooled PBO treatment groups (n = 27) Consistent efficacy similar to **-30** P< .0001 levodopa Mean change in UPDRS motor scores did not differ between APO vs APO+2 treatment groups APO = apomorphine; APO+2 = APO at typically effective dose + 0.2 mL; T<sub>max</sub> = time to maximum plasma concentration, min = minute(s). Apomorphine subcutaneous injection (Akpkyn) PI, 2020 (www.apokynhcp.com/sites/all/themes/apokyn/content/resources/apokyn\_pi.pdf). Accessed 8/12/2021. Pfeiffer RF, et al. Parkinsonism Relat Disord. 2007;13:93-100.



#### **Delayed-ON of Initial Morning Dose (Morning OFF)**

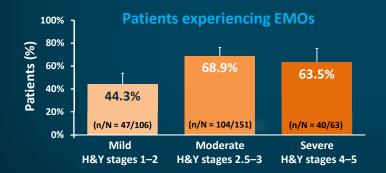
- Common in PD
  - EUROPAR study: 59.7% of patients<sup>1</sup>
  - Japanese study: patient-reported prevalence of 79.8%, with 37.8% reporting EMO every day<sup>2</sup>
- Cause of impaired mobility until onset of effect
- Significantly reduces patients' quality of life<sup>2,3</sup>
- Significantly increases caregiver burden<sup>2</sup>

EMO = early morning OFF.

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#### **Early Morning OFF (EMO) Periods Prevalent Throughout Course of PD**

- EMO periods experienced by 59.7% of PD patients
- EMO prevalent across all stages of the disease with a higher proportion in moderate disease (*P* <.01)

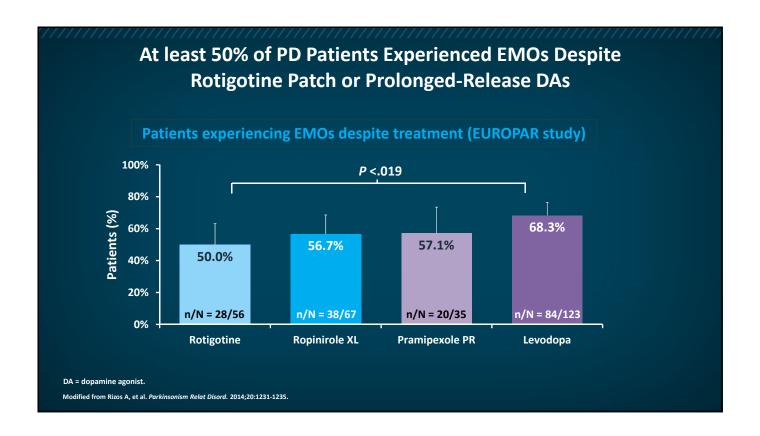


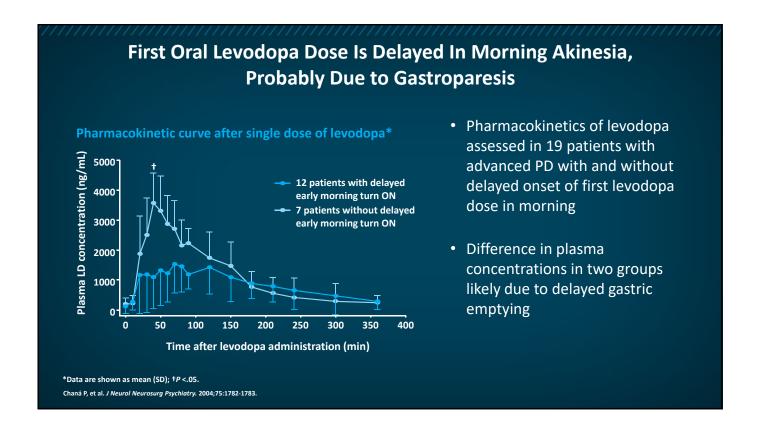
#### **EUROPAR** study

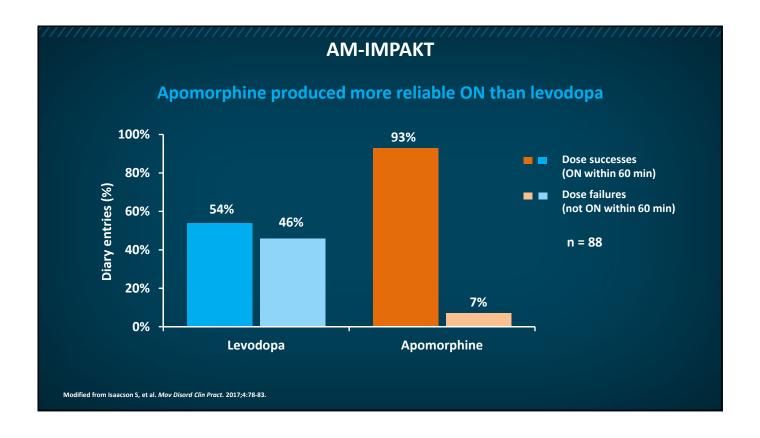
- European observational study
- 320 Parkinson's patients receiving dopaminergic treatment
- EMO periods identified by structured questionnaires (UPDRS-35 and PDSS-14)

PDSS = PD sleep scale; H&Y = Hoehn and Yahr (scale).

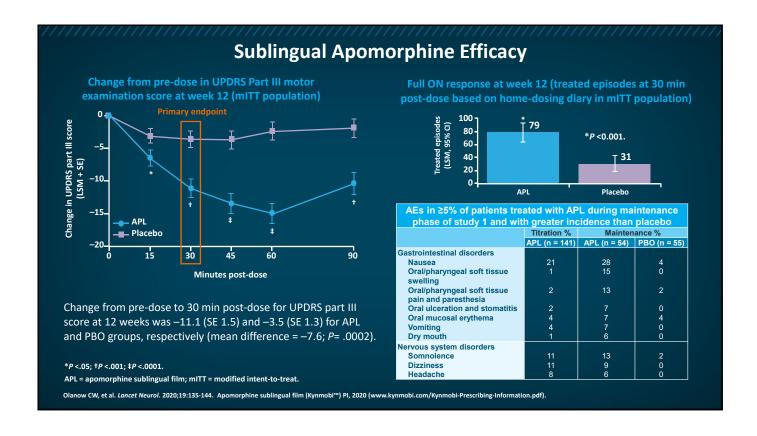
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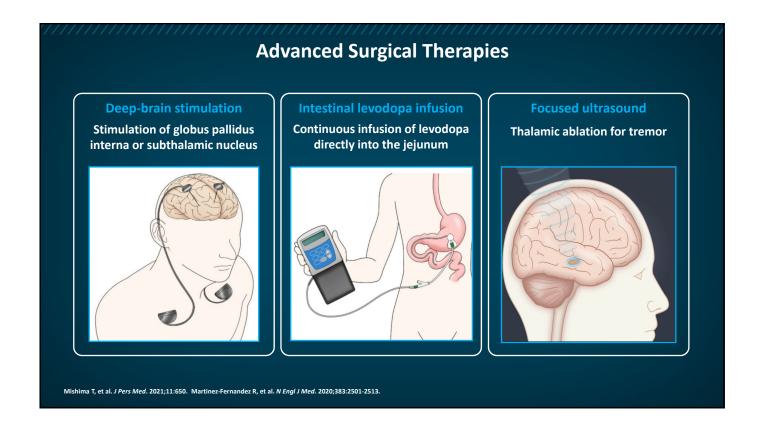


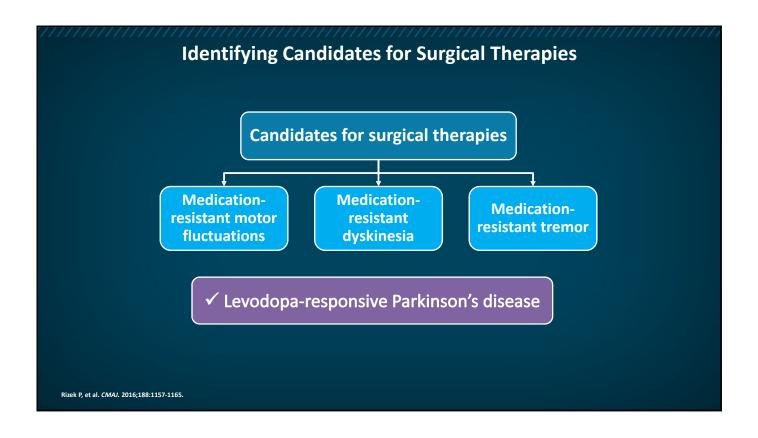


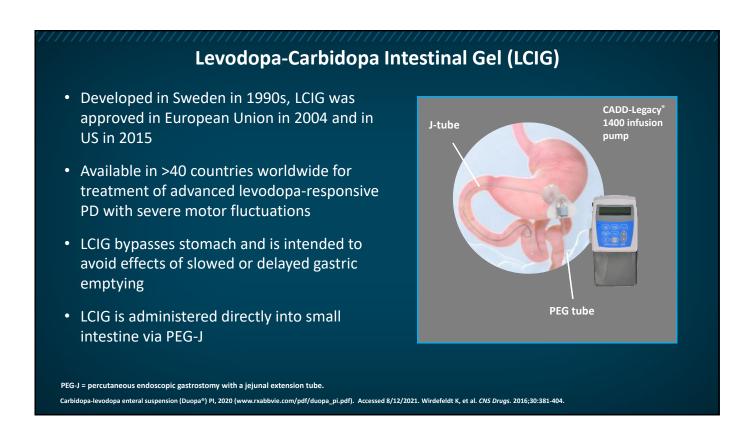


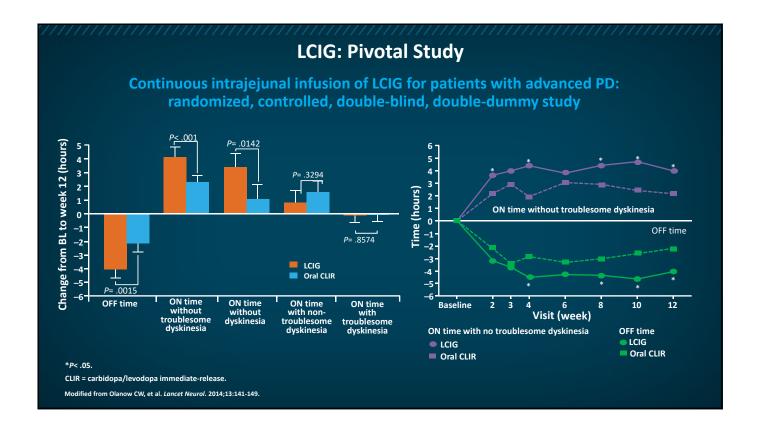
# Sublingual Apomorphine A sublingual formulation of apomorphine was approved in May 2020, for use as rescue medication in overcoming OFF periods Thin-film strip containing apomorphine in bilayer (to avoid oral irritation) Patients are instructed to keep film under their tongue for drug to be absorbed through oral cavity Initial study showed OFF reversal within 30 minutes ON mean duration of 50 minutes No major AEs, including oral mucosal irritation Rapid delivery Apomorphine sublingual film (Nynmobi\*\*) Pt. 2020 (www.kynmobi.com/Nynmobi\*Prescribing.information.pdf). Accessed 8/12/2021. Hauser RA, et al. Mov Disord. 2016;31:1366-1372.











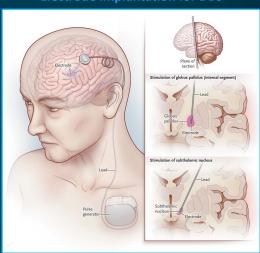
#### **Deep-Brain Stimulation (DBS)**

- Common targets: GPi, STN; rarely VIM thalamus for tremor
- Patient selection is critical
  - Advanced PD with wearing off and dyskinesias or prominent tremor
  - Dyskinesia that is bothersome
  - Younger patients with motor fluctuations within 2 years (onset in <50; may be candidates for earlier DBS)</li>
  - Good levodopa response (exception: tremor dominant)
    - If gait/balance are primary problems, then DBS not likely to be helpful; could help some freezing
  - No significant cognitive impairment
    - May worsen after surgery
    - Neuropsychological testing performed to evaluate
- Management of expectations

GPi = globus pallidus internus; STN = subthalamic nucleus; VIM = ventral intermedius nucleus.

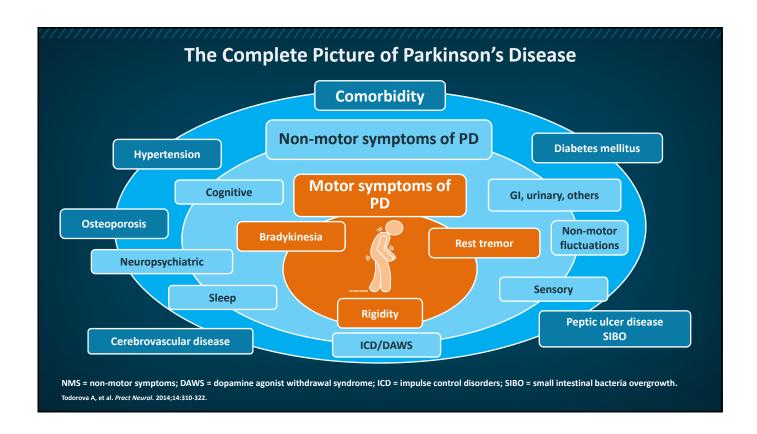
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#### **Electrode implantation for DBS**



Lead for deep-brain stimulation is implanted in either subthalamic nucleus or internal segment of globus pallidus, passing through burr hole in skull. Attached to lead is connecting wire, which is tunneled under skin of scalp and neck to anterior chest wall, where it is connected to impulse generator.

	DBSPD study group <sup>1</sup>	PROGRESS <sup>2</sup>	INTREPID <sup>3</sup>
# patients	94	234	160 (121 active/39 control)
Study duration	3 months	12 months	3 months
Study design	Prospective, double- blind crossover	Prospective crossover with double-blind primary endpoint	RCT—sham control (3:1)
Age	59.0 (9.6) yrs	61.7 (8.4) yrs	59.9 (8.0) yrs
Disease duration	14.4 yrs	10.2 (7.4) yrs	10.1 (3.6) yrs
ON without troublesome dyskinesia	4.5 hours	4.3 hours	3.74 hours difference from baseline
UPDRS motor meds OFF vs meds OFF/stimulation ON	49% improvement	43% improvement with directional stim at 6 mos	42% improvement with stim
Device	Constant voltage	Constant current	Multiple independent constant-current control
Lead	Non-segmented	Segmented	8-contact, non-segmented

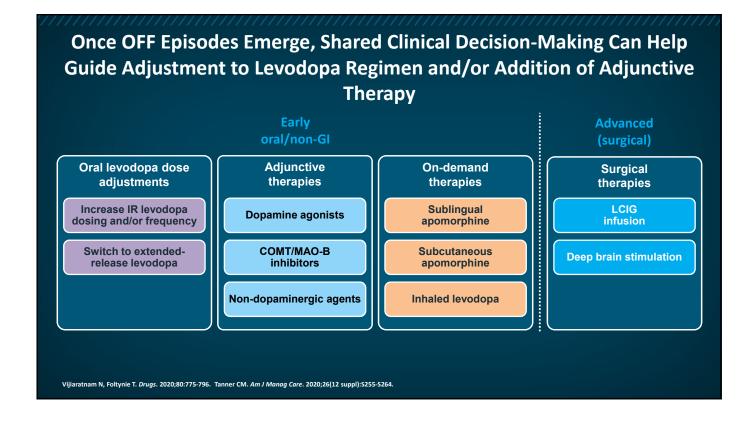


#### **Multidisciplinary Team for Parkinson's Disease**

Members of multidisciplinary team listed by European PD Standards of Care consensus statement and their role in care and management of people with PD<sup>1,2</sup>

Multidisciplinary team member	Role is to:
General practitioner	Provide day-to-day clinical management
Movement disorder specialist/neurologist	Plan and monitor treatment
Geriatrician	Provide general in- and outpatient management
PD nurse specialist	Manage care and coordinate with hospital and community services
Physiotherapist	Maximize functional ability
Speech and language therapist	Manage difficulties with speech, communication, eating, drinking, and swallowing
Occupational therapist	Advise on measures to retain independence
Nutritionist	Ensure optimal nutrition
Psychologist	Treat depression and other mental health problems
Pharmacists	Ensure supplies of specialty medications
Complementary therapists	Provide massage and relaxation therapies

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#### Goal of Treatment: Continuous "Best-ON"

- Maintain duration of ON
  - Use extended/continuous levodopa formulations and COMT inhibitors
  - Consider MAO-B inhibitors, dopamine agonists, NMDA, and A2A antagonists
- Reduce variability of ON
  - Use non-oral medications, extended release and continuous formulations, and adjunctive medications
  - Utilize on-demand, non-oral therapies for rapid, reliable, and robust response
- Address dose-limiting levodopa-induced dyskinesias, Parkinson's disease psychosis, neurogenic orthostatic hypotension, and drug-related adverse events
  - Treat when cannot avoid

MAOI = MAO inhibitor; PDP = Parkinson's disease psychosis; NOH = neurogenic orthostatic hypotension; D-AEs = drug adverse events

### Managing OFF Episodes: Shared Decision-Making Should Consider Many Factors

## OFF episodes can help guide treatment decision-making

- Type of OFF episodes
- Frequency and severity of OFF episodes
- Timing of OFF episodes
- · Impact on daily life

## Medication prescribing information should be considered

- Access
- Dosing and route
- Efficacy
- Tolerability and safety
- Clearance and drug-drug interactions

### Patient factors can impact treatment decisions

- Comorbidities
- Concomitant medications
- Prior sensitivity to medication changes
- Presence (or absence) of dyskinesia, psychosis, orthostatic hypotension
- Non-motor symptoms

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# Case Study Thomas

#### History

- Thomas is a 62-year-old RH gentleman with Parkinson's for 9 years, beginning with right-hand tremor
  - Works as high school teacher
  - Had grandfather with PD
- Initial treatment with rasagiline 1 mg
- CD/LD 25/100 TID started 7 years ago with robust response
- 5 years ago, 25/100 increased to 1.5/1.5/1 for slowness and occasional tremor

RH = right-handed; TID = three times per day.

#### **Emergence of OFF Episodes**

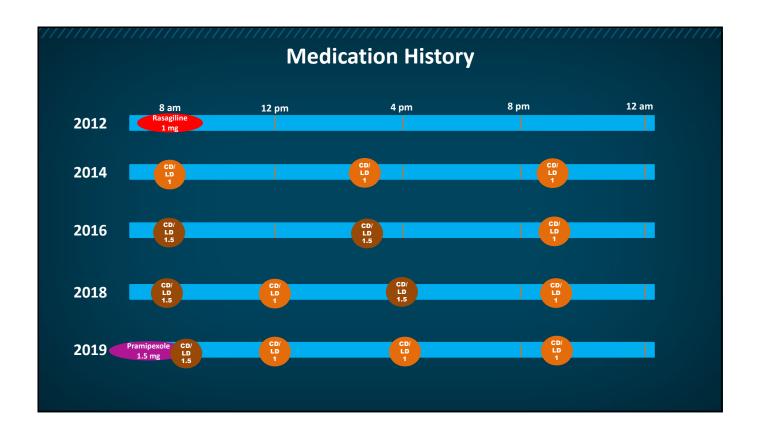
- 3 years ago, end-dose was wearing off 4 hours after each dose
- 25/100 changed to 1.5/1/1.5/1 at 4-hour intervals
- 2 years ago, pramipexole ER was titrated to 1.5 mg QAM and CD/LD was adjusted to 1.5/1/1/1 at 8 am/12 pm/4 pm/8 pm

QAM = every morning.

#### **Current Evaluation**

- Evaluation in clinic today, with OFF episodes recurring between some doses
  - Slow in morning until first CD/LD onset
- · Exam when ON with no tremor
  - Mild R>L bradykinesia and rigidity
  - Arises from chair without use of arms, and gait brisk with reduced right-arm swing
  - Postural reflexes normal
  - During visit, he develops OFF symptoms with lower voice, reduced facial expression, tremor
    in his right hand and leg, and use of arms to arise from chair
  - Gait is stooped, slow, with 4-step turns; he takes 2 steps to regain balance when pulled backwards

R>L = right greater than left.





#### Management

- Adjusting CD/LD timing was not convenient for him
- Full ON after one tab of 25/100, so did not increase dose
- Increasing pramipexole in past was limited by ankle edema
- Discussed with patient adding COMT inhibitor or nondopaminergic agent and/or use of on-demand treatment
- Patient was hesitant to begin new medication when he was feeling good most of the day
  - Symptoms were only bothersome in the morning
- He opted for the apomorphine sublingual film

#### **Case Study**

#### **Patrick**

#### History

- Patrick is a 55-year-old RH gentleman with PD for 6 years, beginning with left-hand tremor
- Former professional golfer, working part-time as golf pro at local course
- Initial treatment with CD/LD 25/100 TID with robust response
- 4 years ago, 25/100 was increased to 1.5/1/1 for "slow-and-stiff" golf swing
  - Then increased to 1.5 TID because he "felt better" with 1.5 tab than with 1 tab of 25/100
  - Fourth dose was added in evening: 1.5/1.5/1.

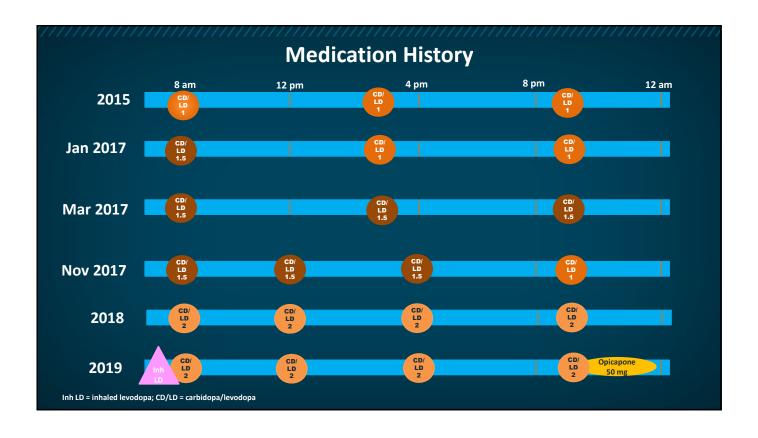
#### **Emergence of OFF Episodes**

- 3 years ago, end dose was wearing off 3.5 hours after each dose, and he switched to CD/LD ER 145 mg 2/2/2/2 at 4-hour intervals
- 2 years ago, OFF episodes occurred 1–2 times daily, usually at end of dose
- Opicapone 50 mg was added Qhs, and inhaled levodopa was also prescribed

Qhs = at every bedtime.

#### **Current Evaluation**

- Evaluation in clinic today, with OFF episode almost every morning, lasting for 45–90 minutes
- Other doses sometimes work quickly, but one dose most days is delayed for 30–60 minutes: "I never know when a dose may not work for an hour!"
- Exam when ON with mild R>L bradykinesia
- Arises from chair without use of arms, and gait with reduced right-arm swing and stride
- Postural reflexes normal



How would you manage this patient?

#### Management

- Adjusting CD/LD timing to <4 hours was difficult for him to adhere to</li>
- Increasing CD/LD did not improve OFF episodes and mild dyskinesia emerged
- Discussed with patient adding once-daily dopamine agonist, MAO-B inhibitor, or a nondopaminergic medication, and/or use of on-demand treatment
- Patient was hesitant to begin new daily medication when he was mainly having symptoms in morning or when dose was delayed in onset; most of day he was feeling good
- He opted for inhaled levodopa at end of dose, but sometimes found himself OFF before he used it
- Patient decided to try apomorphine instead for on-demand therapy



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#### **TOOLKIT**

#### Off Episodes in Parkinson's Disease

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