



PARKINSON'S DISEASE PATIENT SYMPOSIUM & RESOURCE FAIR

Sacramento, CA – May 18, 2011 - The **National Parkinson Foundation Northern California** announces a **Parkinson's Disease Patient Symposium & Resource Fair** in San Jose on Saturday, June 25th, 2011. A symposium for Parkinson's patients, families and caregivers, designed to help make life with Parkinson's disease the best it can be.

Melanie Brandabur, MD, Movement Disorders Specialist & Clinic Director, from The Parkinson's Institute will be speaking about Cognitive & Depression Issues with PD, a presentation to help people with Parkinson's disease fully understand the possible cognitive and depression issues they may experience, including strategies and tips for managing them.

Jaimie Henderson, MD, Neurosurgeon, from the Stanford Comprehensive Movement Disorders Center, together with Monica Volz, RN, MSN, from the University of California San Francisco, Department of Neurology, will be members of a panel presentation on Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Parkinson's patients. A Parkinson's patient with DBS implants will join the panel, to be moderated by David Dozier, Jr., MD (retired), Neurologist.

Peter Schmidt, PhD, Vice President, Programs, Chief Information Officer, from the National Parkinson Foundation will be speaking about "Improving the Quality of Parkinson's Care for this Generation". This presentation is designed to learn how the National Parkinson Foundation, by measuring clinical outcomes and interventions at NPF Centers of Excellence, is creating and sharing models of excellent care to ensure that every Parkinson's patient receives the most effective treatment options available.

The accompanying Resource Fair brings San Jose area organizations into one location to help Parkinson's families find the resources they need. Assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers, caregiver resources, clinical trials, local medical professionals, and much more.

The **Parkinson's Disease Patient Symposium & Resource Fair** will be held at the Doubletree San Jose. The Doubletree San Jose is offering a reduced rate for participants. For more information, please contact the National Parkinson Foundation Northern California at 866-979-7262 or 916-489-0226 or www.parkinsonca.org.

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About the National Parkinson Foundation

The National Parkinson Foundation supports a strong network of 43 Centers of Excellence dedicated to excellence in research and providing comprehensive, interdisciplinary care to more than 50,000 Parkinson's patients and their families worldwide. Founded in 1957, the National Parkinson Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of care for people with Parkinson's disease through research, education, and outreach. Since 1982, NPF has funded more than \$155 million in care, research and support services.

About Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's with an estimated one million people with the disease in the U.S. and four to six million worldwide. At present, there is no cure for Parkinson's disease and 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the U.S.

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