



# Critical Path for Parkinson's: Collaboration to Enable Patient Focused Drug Development and Precision Medicine

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# A little about me sets the stage for today.....

## Pharma was taking too long...

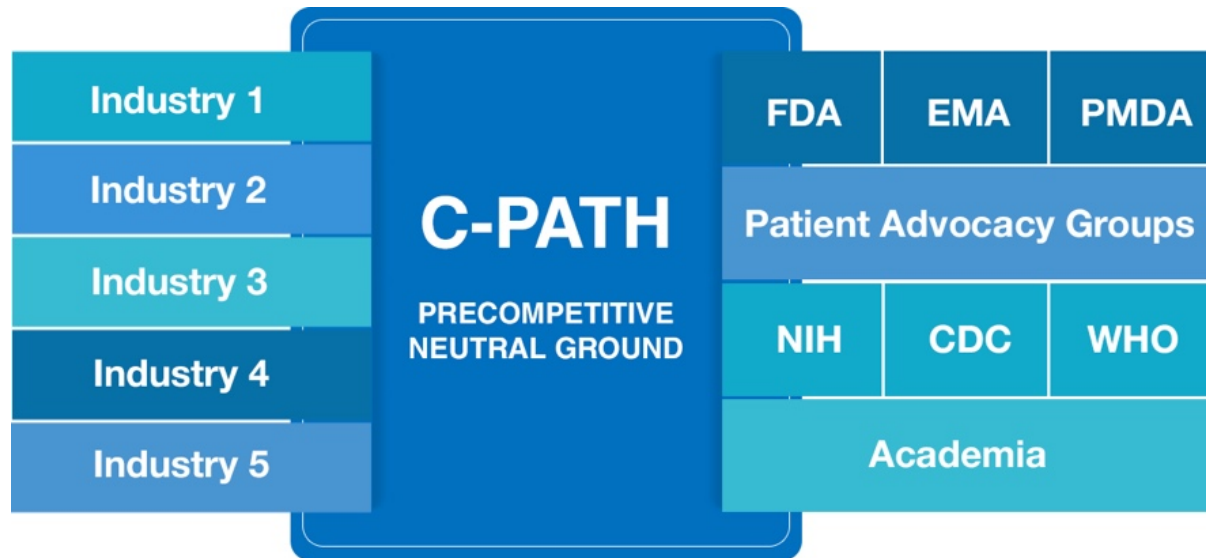
Diane, the Executive Director Critical Path for Parkinson's, shares why she left job at the largest pharmaceutical company in the world to create better, faster ways to develop new treatments.



I left my job at the largest pharmaceutical company in the world because I knew that it was taking too long to bring new treatments to people like my brother. I needed to find another way to bring hope to my family. So, I joined the Critical Path Institute, a non-profit organization based in Arizona, which exists to make it faster, cheaper and more efficient to get new therapies to patients.

# What is the Critical Path Institute?

A trusted, neutral third party delivering new methods and tools for clinical trials which benefit the whole community.



# Critical Path for Parkinson's Consortium – Accelerating therapies for PD

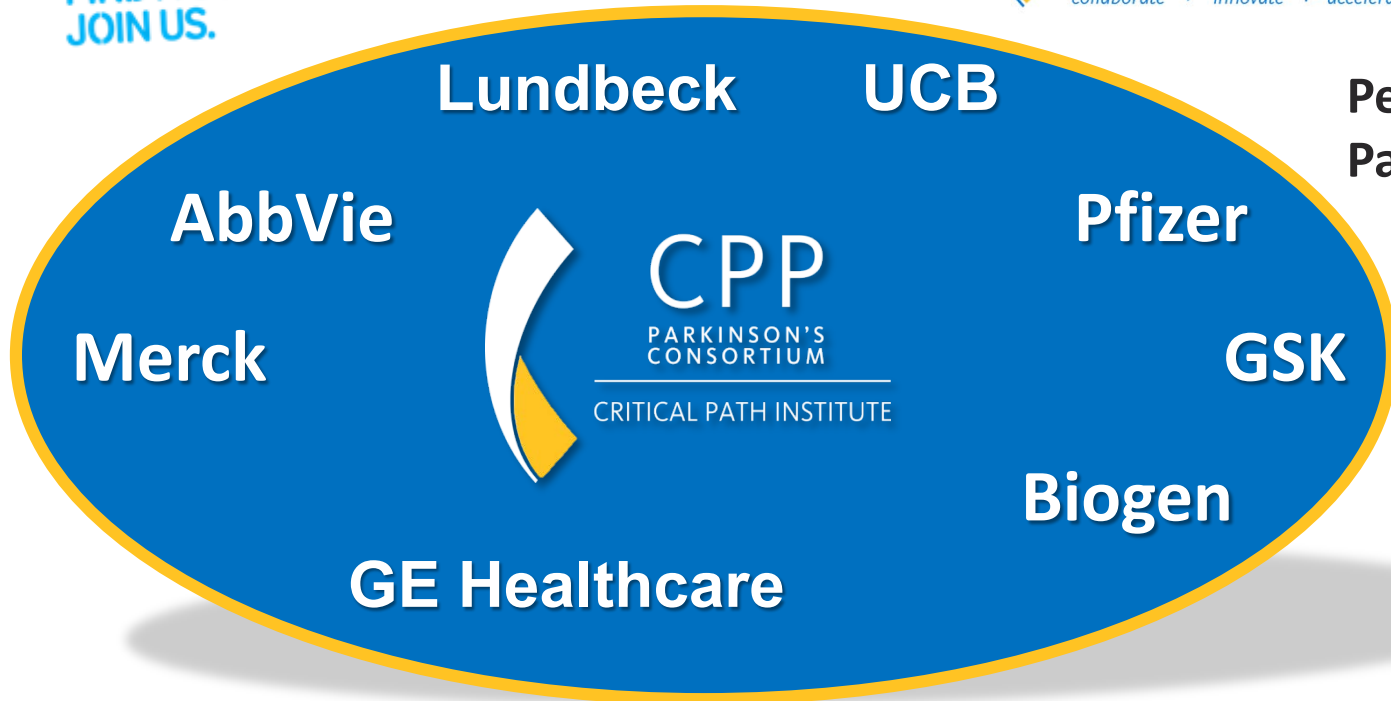
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Academic  
Experts

Individual  
Advisors



## Patient-Advocacy Organizations

- Parkinson's Disease Foundation
- Michael J. Fox Foundation
- Davis Phinney Foundation
- The Cure Parkinson's Trust



## UK Academic Institutions

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- Newcastle University
- University of Glasgow

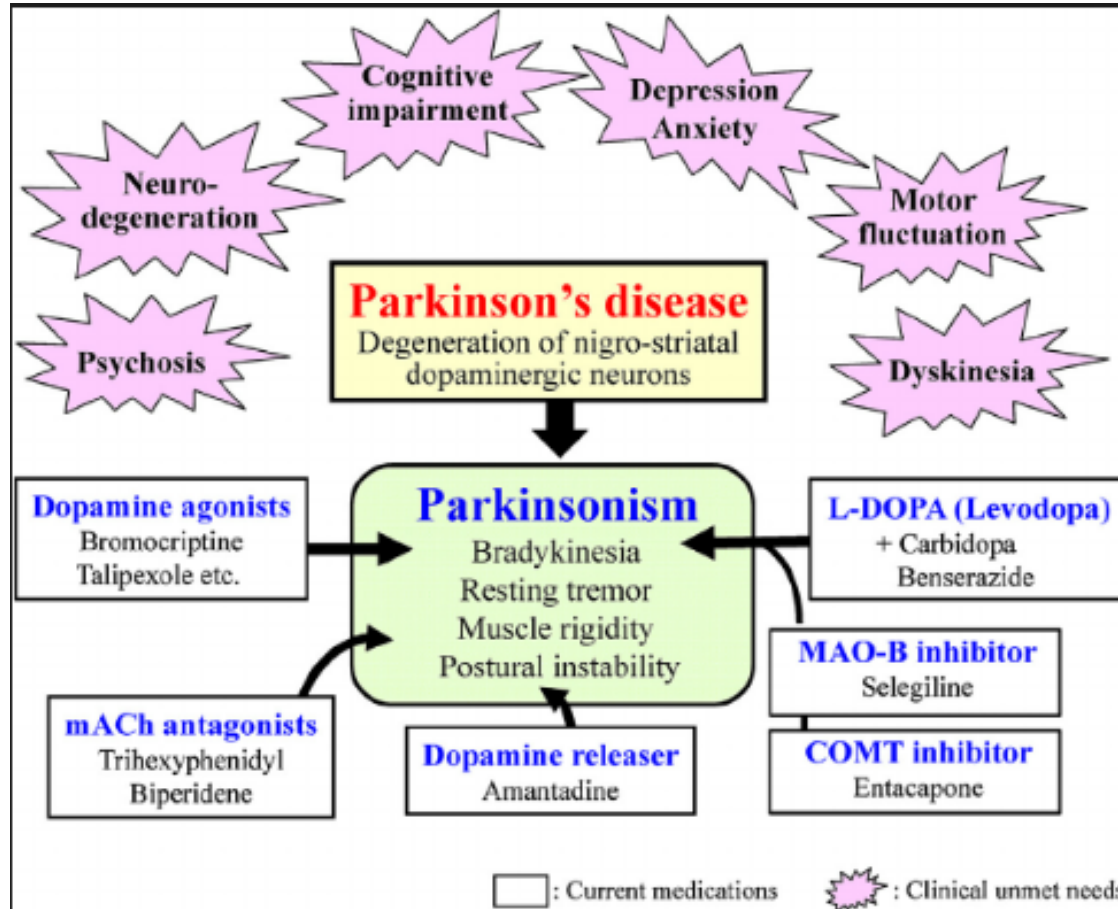


# 'Pre-competitive' collaboration



Working together to solve these problems and create tools that will benefit the whole community.

# New Parkinson's Disease treatments are urgently needed



- There is no cure for Parkinson's disease
- Current medications only help control the symptoms
- None stop the progression of the disease
- In some cases, surgery called Deep Brain Stimulation may help with tremor and rigidity
- Medications have not changed much over the last 25 years
- There is a need for new drug therapies, especially for the non-motor symptoms

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/282812862\\_New\\_insight\\_into\\_the\\_therapeutic\\_role\\_of\\_the\\_serotonergic\\_system\\_in\\_Parkinson%27s\\_disease/figures?lo=1](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/282812862_New_insight_into_the_therapeutic_role_of_the_serotonergic_system_in_Parkinson%27s_disease/figures?lo=1)

## VIEWPOINT

### New Drugs for Parkinson's Disease: The Regulatory and Clinical Development Pathways in the United States

**TABLE 1.** Selected promising therapies for PD that are in the pipeline<sup>a</sup>

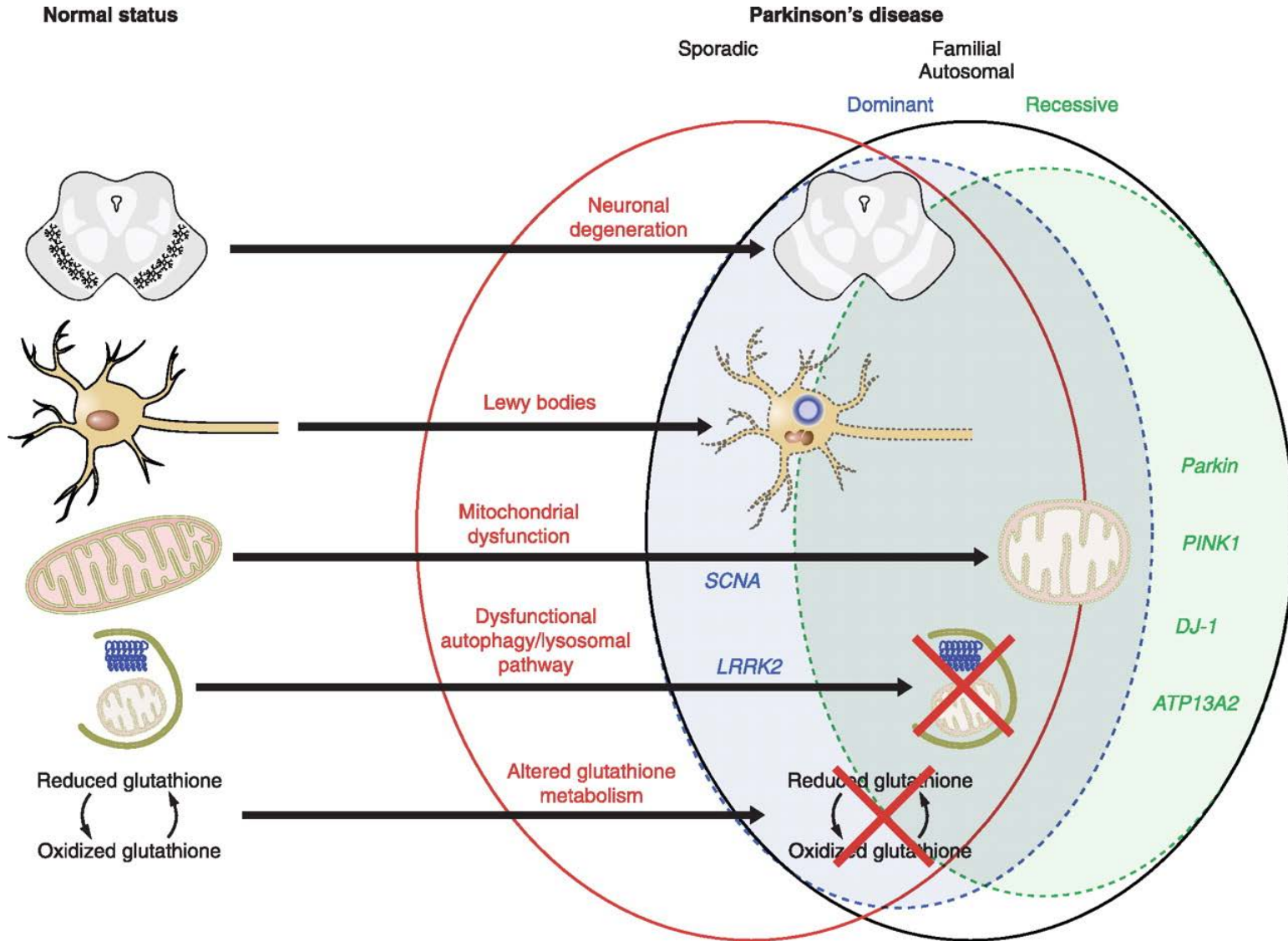
Name	Sponsor	Mechanism/Indication	Stage	Regulatory Comments <sup>b</sup>
<b>Short-term benefits or "Symptomatic"</b>				
Opicapone	Bial	COMT inhibitor	III	Approved in Europe
Istradefylline	Kyowa-Kirin	A2A antagonist	III	Approved in Japan
Tozadenant	Acorda	A2A antagonist	III	505B1 pathway
CVT 301	Acorda	Inhaled L-dopa	III	505B2 pathway
APL130277	Sunovion	Sublingual apomorphine	III	Fast track
Amantadine ER	Adamas	NMDA antagonist for dysk	III	505B2 pathway
P2B001	Pharma2B	Low-dose pramir/rasag combo	III	505B2 pathway
ND0612	Neuroderm	SC L-dopa/carbidopa	III	BE/505B2 pathway
Apo Infusion	USWM	Apomorphine infusion	III	505B2 pathway
Accordion pill	Intec	Long-acting L-dopa	III	505B2 pathway
PF-06649751	Pfizer	D1 agonist	IIB	505B1
LU-AE04621	Lundbeck	D1 agonist	IIB	505B1
SER-214	Serina	polymer-linked rotigotine	IIB	BE/505B2 pathway
AAV2-hAADC	Voyager	AAV2-gene delivery of AADC	II	Submitted through CBER
Light therapy	Photopharmics	Altered circadian rhythm	II	Device pathway
Dopafuse	Synagile	Continuous oral L-dopa delivery	II	Drug/device (505B2)
<b>Disease modifying</b>				
Isradipine	NIH	Ca+ + channel blocker	III	505B2
Inosine	NIH	Increase Urate as antioxidant	III	505B2
Nicotine Patch	Fox	Enhance nicotine levels	II	505B2
Affitope	Afferis	ImmunoRx target alpha syn	II	505B1 submitted through CDER
PRX002	Prothena	Monoclonal AB to alpha syn	Ila	505B1 submitted through CDER
BIIB054	Biogen	ImmunoRx target alpha syn	Ila	505B1 submitted through CDER
NPT 200-11	UCB	Antialpha syn aggregate	II	505B1
Nilotinib	Fox	CAbl kinase inhibitor	II	505B2 (approved in leukemia)
GZ/*SAR402671	Genzyme/Sanofie	GBA enhancer	II	505B1
Amroxol	Weston Found	Enhances GCCase activity	II	505B1
Exenatide	Cure PD Trust	Glucagon-like peptide 1	II	505B2
Deferiprone	APO Pharma	Iron chelator	II	505B2

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**“A better appreciation of regulatory pathways and requirements by scientists, clinical Investigators, and the pharmaceutical industry will likely help reduce the Cost and time of Drug Development, and speed the approval process”**

# Parkinson's Disease Pathophysiology

--so many targets for intervention

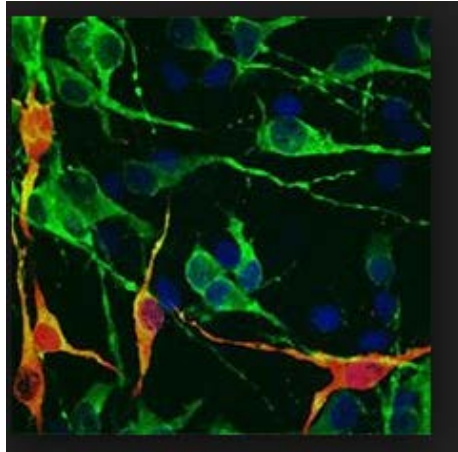




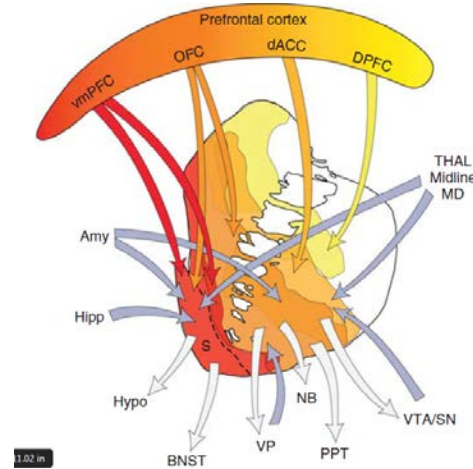
# Nonclinical Models for Drug Discovery/Development---

*yet none truly represent true Parkinson's disease*

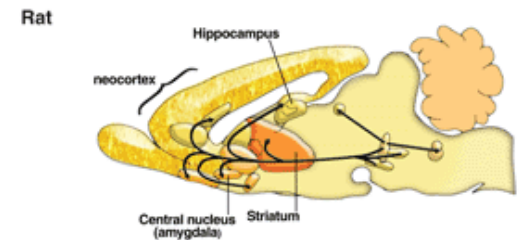
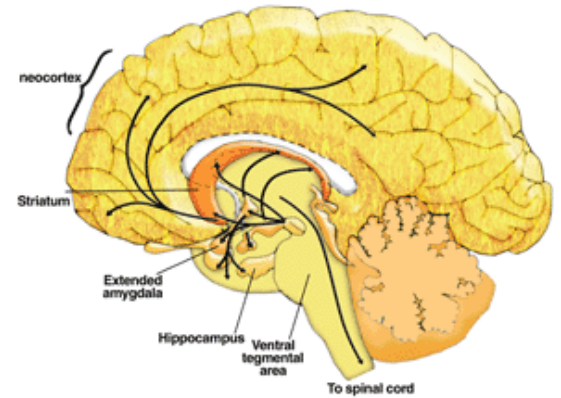
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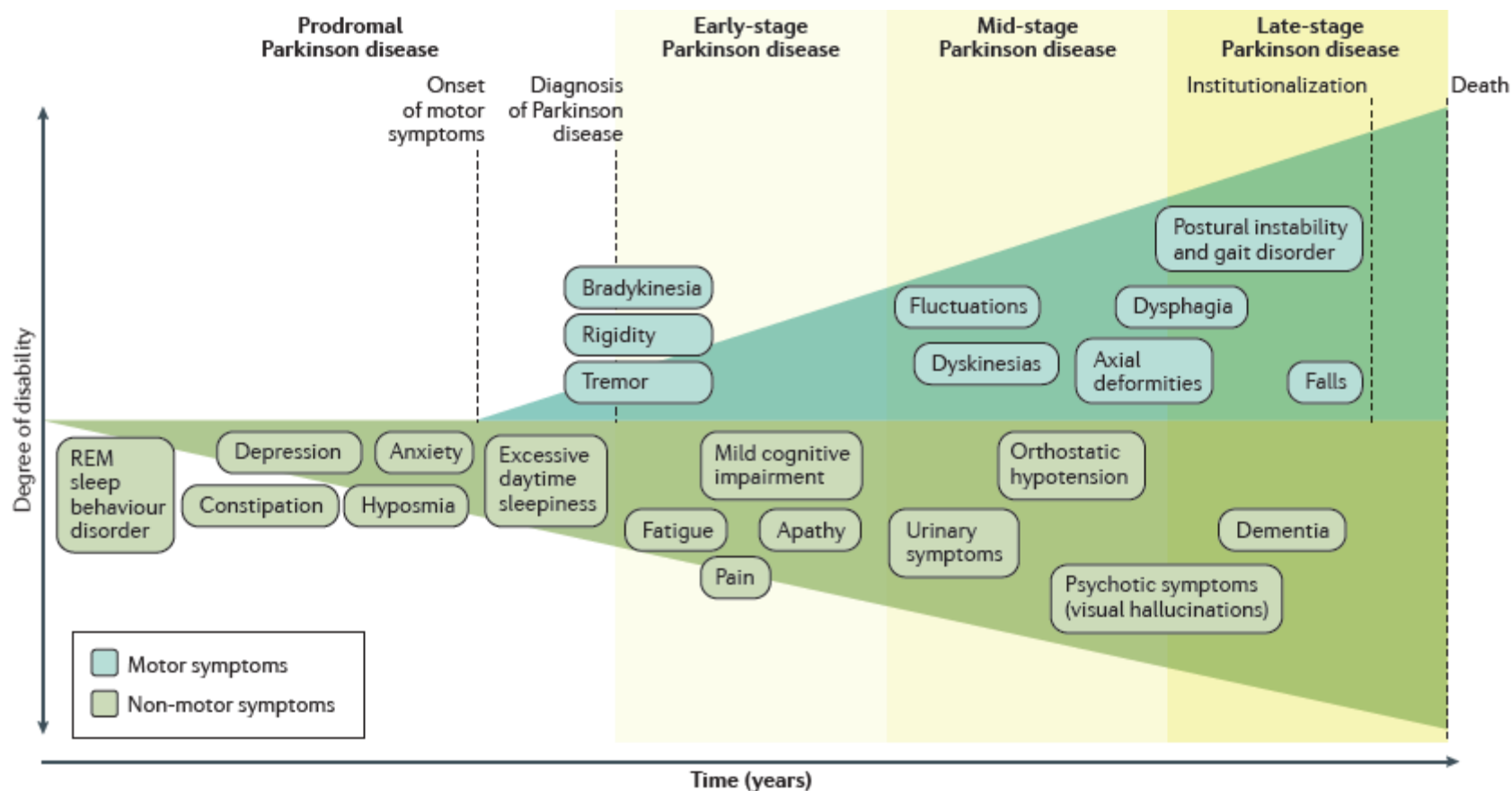
- Primate Models



- Rodent Models



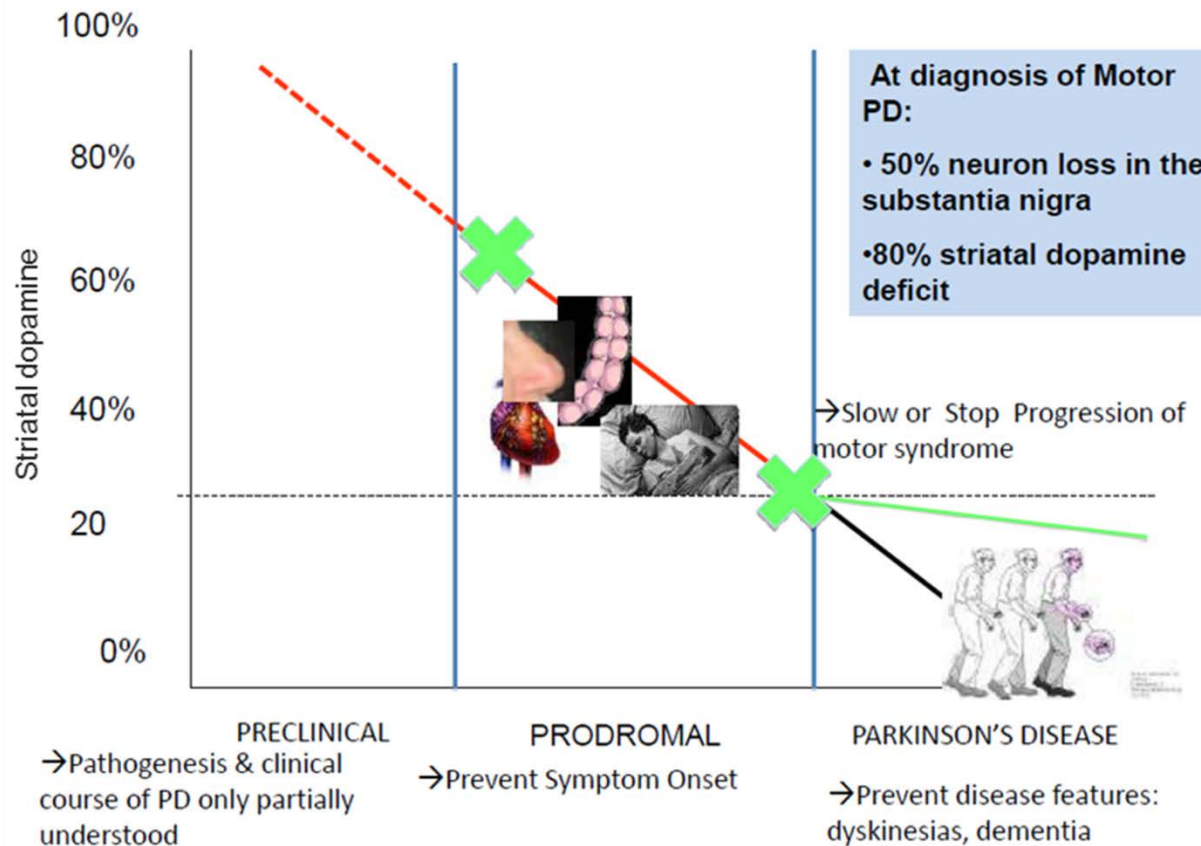
# Parkinson's disease symptoms are widespread and disabling



**From:** Poewe et al., Nature Revs vol 3, no 17013; 1-21, 2017

***Each person with Parkinson's will experience symptoms differently***

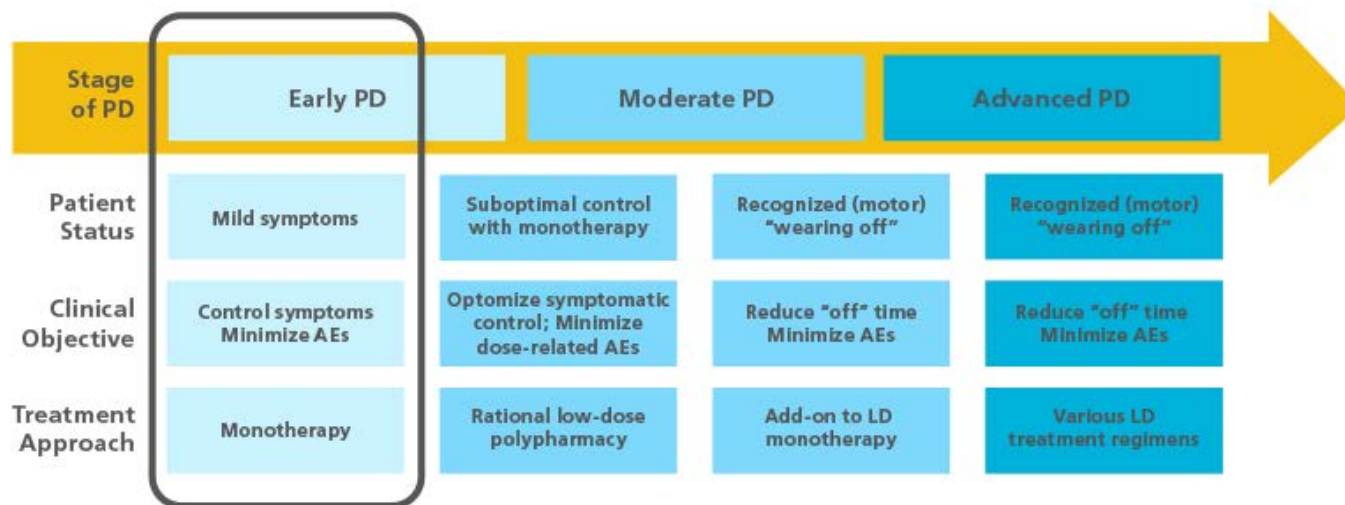
# Parkinson's Disease Drug Development is aiming for disease modification and early intervention



- Large, global, clinical and observational datasets are available
- Increased understanding of disease progression and sub-clinical syndromes
- Emerging biomarkers, genes and available technologies and biospecimens

- Parkinson's UK 2013-14 survey of patient's needs from research highlighted strong needs for BOTH new symptomatic treatment AND stopping/slowing progression

**STOPPING PROGRESSION AT AN EARLY STAGE** was the strongest desire of persons with Parkinson's. This will only be possible through successful trials in early stage patients.



<http://parkinsonsed.com/pd-dialogues/early-stage-parkinsons>





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## Public Meeting on Patient-Focused Drug Development for Huntington's and Parkinson's Diseases

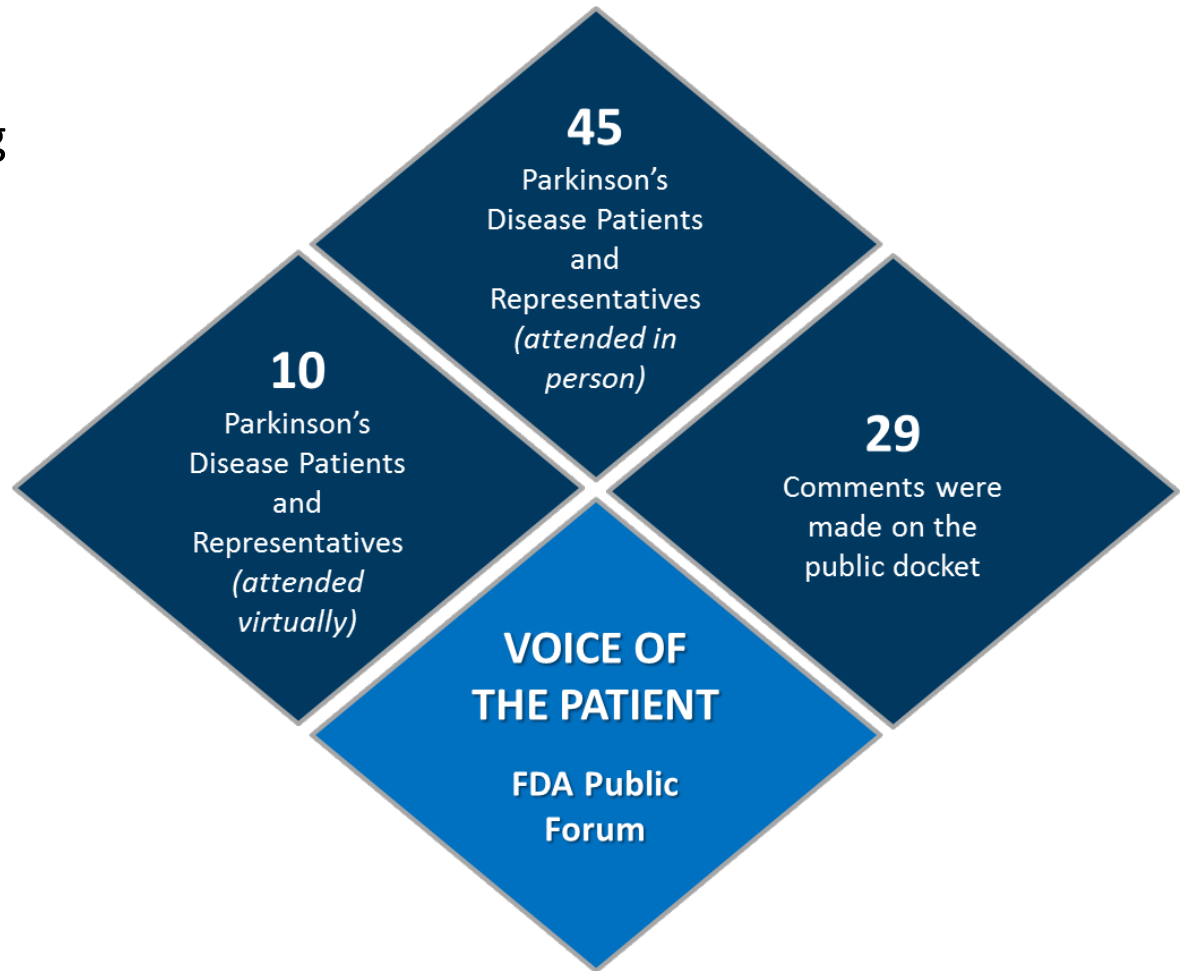
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On September 22, 2015, FDA is conducting a public meeting on Patient-Focused Drug Development for Huntington's disease and Parkinson's disease. FDA is interested in obtaining patients' perspectives on the impact of patient perspectives on the impact of Huntington's disease and Parkinson's disease on daily life and patient views on treatment approaches.

Sept 22, 2015

The FDA held a public meeting on patient focused drug development for Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases

- The 2015 PFDD meeting was their best attended meeting with 45 PD patients attending in person, 10 PD patients attending virtually, 10 FDA regulators were there in person, over 160 people joined by phone to listen to the meeting and 29 comments were made on the public docket following the meeting



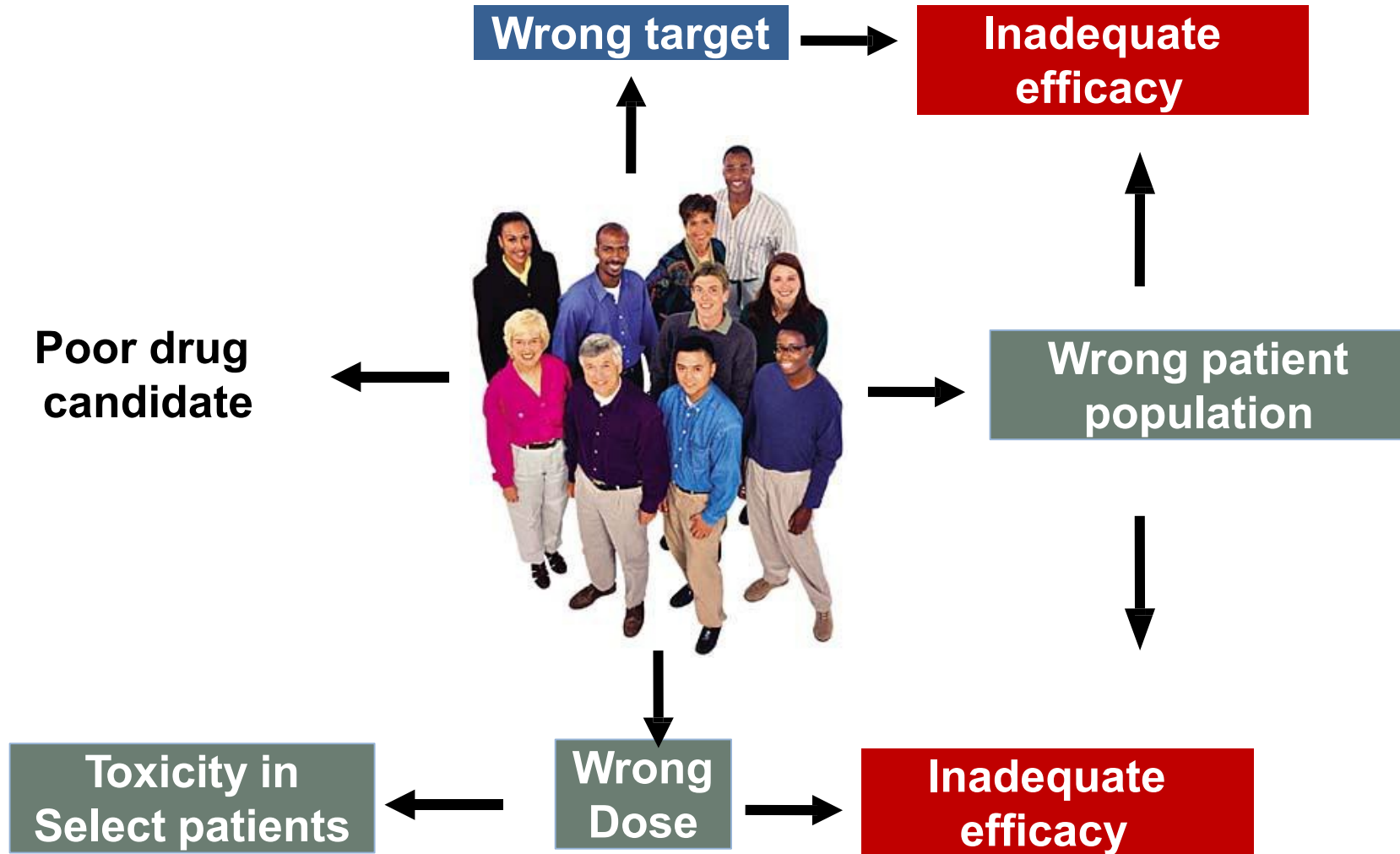
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## TOPIC 1: Disease Symptoms and Daily Impacts that Matter most to patients

- Motor symptoms
  - “I was unable to type or use a computer mouse with my right hand and unable to use my right foot and leg to drive (following diagnosis)”
- Cognitive impairment
  - “I often go from task to task without ever completing anything”
- Sleep disturbances
  - “lack of sleep caused my right arm to tremor all night”
- Other symptoms
  - GI disturbances, orthostatic hypertension, weight loss, restless leg, swallowing difficulties, pain, sweating, speech problems
- Reliance on others
  - **“I fear the people I love most in the world will have to take care of me”**
- Ability to perform at work
- Isolation and impact on relationships



# Why do drugs fail to reach people in need?





# New approaches are needed to tackling drug development challenges

## Traditional Drug Development Approach



Reliance on limited information and experience based on:

- A small set of KOLs
- Small, possibly outdated, datasets
- Last paper bias

## Data and Quantitative Model Based Drug Development Approach



A modern approach based on:

- Integrated global datasets including relevant populations and endpoints
- Quantitative models of disease progression, patient population and endpoint behavior

# What could we do if we had all the data from Parkinson's studies in one place?

Data from clinical trials and cohorts



Standardization and integration



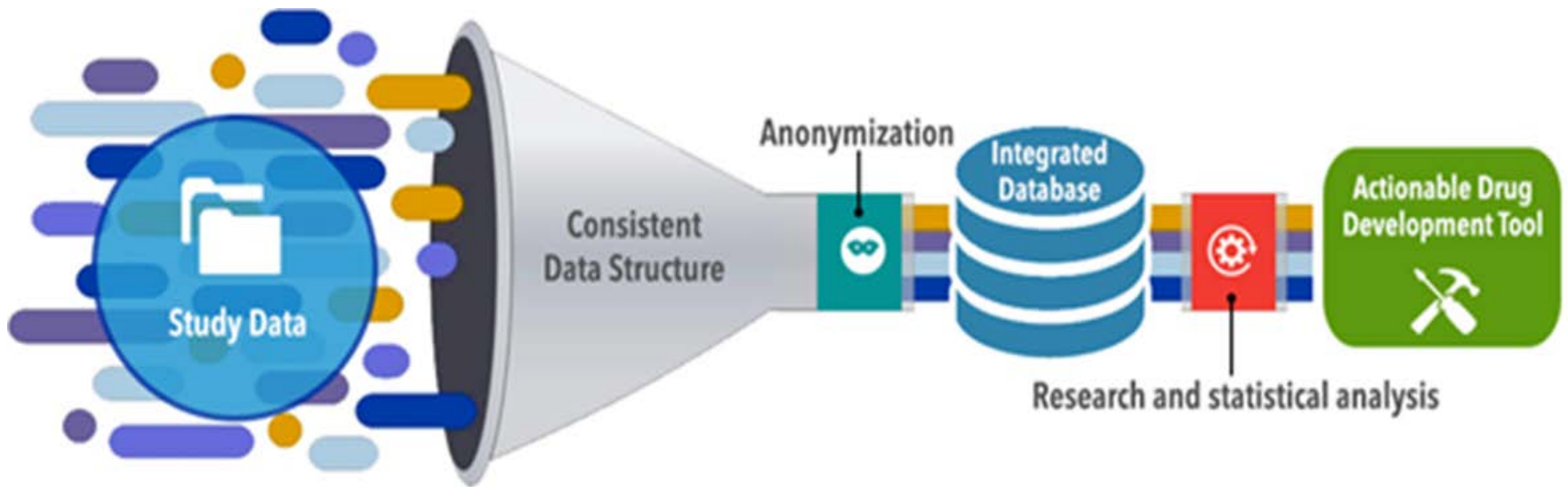
CDISC Data Standards



Researchers  
Regulators  
Industry

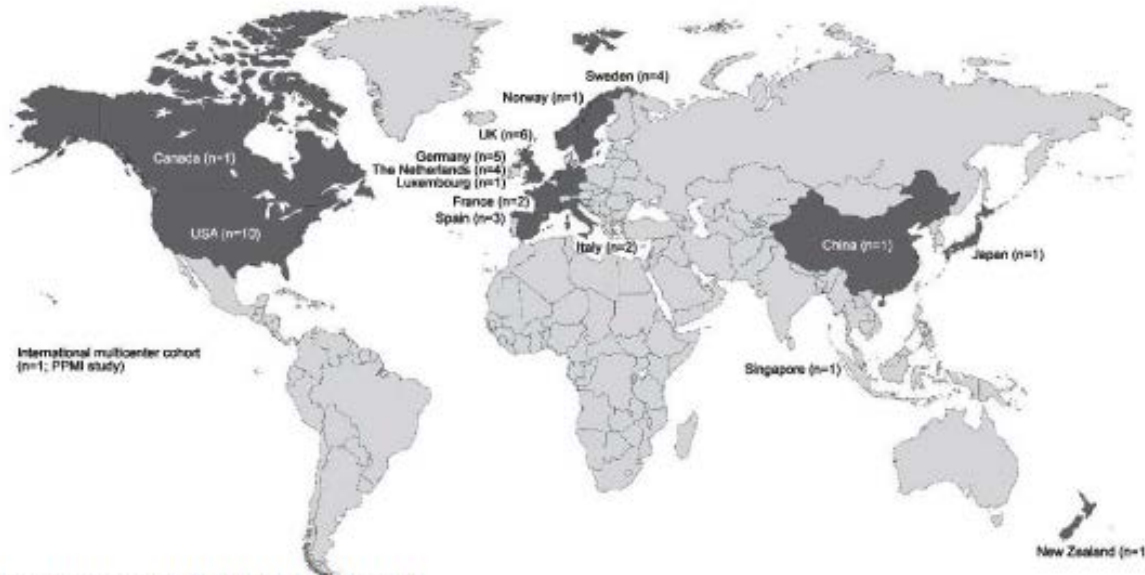


# C-Path Data Mapping and Integration Process



# Critical Path for Parkinson's Worldwide Database

## CPP v3.0 Integrated Parkinson's Database Available to Members



<sup>1</sup> Heinzl et al., *JPD* 7(3):423-432. 2017

DATATOP and ADAGIO  
will be integrated next

PPMI (n=1223)  
CamPaIGN (n=142)  
OPDC Discovery Cohort (n=877)  
ICICLE (n=314)  
Tracking Parkinson's (n=1998)  
*PRECEPT (n=806)*  
**TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBJECTS: 5360**

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# We can learn from past clinical trials

**Vitamin E**  
Antioxidant

**GPI-1485**  
Neuroimmunophilin

**Riluzole**  
Glutamate antagonist

**CEP-1347**  
Anti-apoptotic

**Paliroden**  
Stimulates NGF

**Co Q10**  
Mitochondrial enhancer

**Pramipexole**  
Dopamine agonist

**Cogane**  
Modulates GDNF & BDNF

**Creatine**  
Mitochondrial modulator

**Pioglitazone**  
PPAR- $\gamma$  agonist;  
anti-inflammatory

**Rasagiline**  
MAO-B inhibitor

**Glutathione**  
Antioxidant

**TCH346**  
Propargylamine

**Mitoquinone**  
Mitochondrial enhancer

# Future model of Parkinson's therapies

Parkinson's -  
Not all one flavor



Personalized Medicine  
targeted treatments



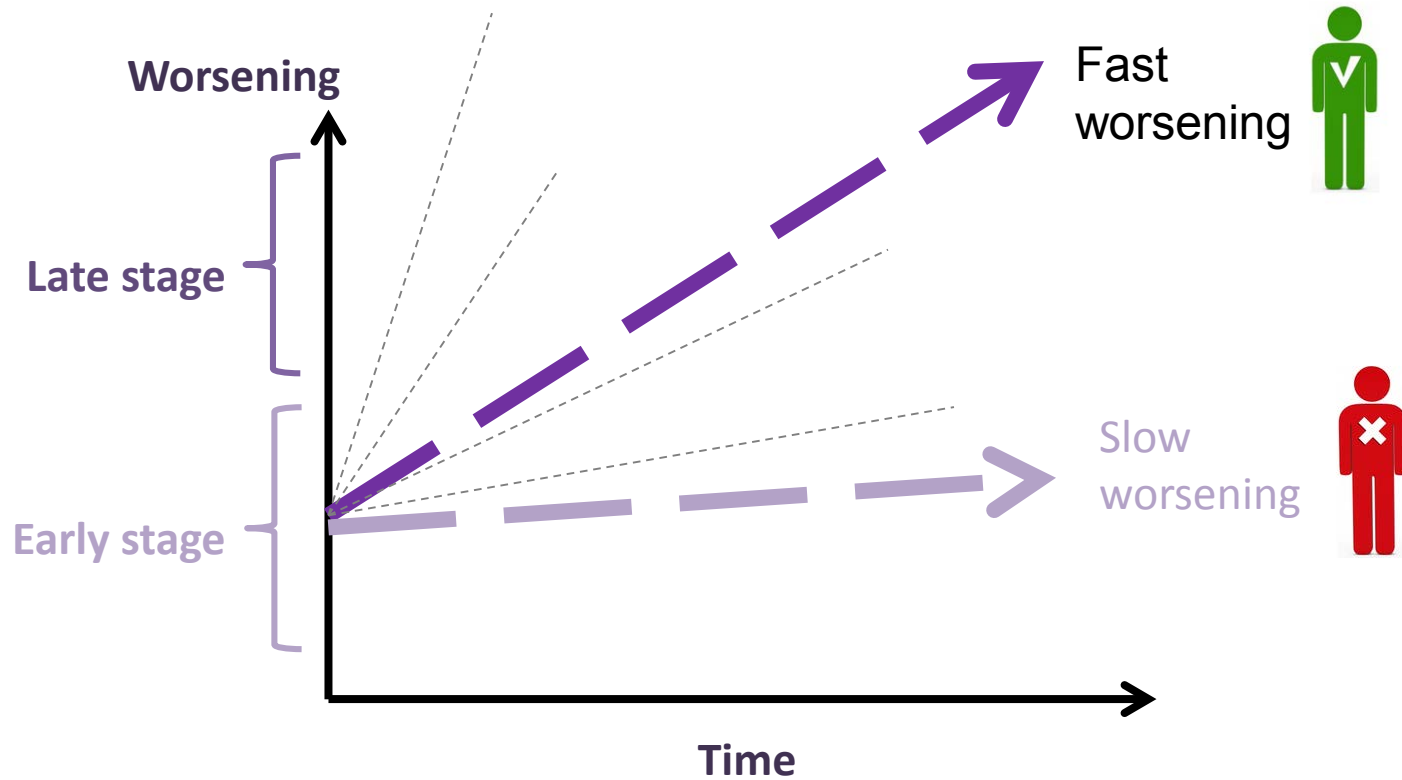
*As modified from Alberto Espay*

# Up to 15% of people with early Parkinson's who take part in trials may not have the condition at all

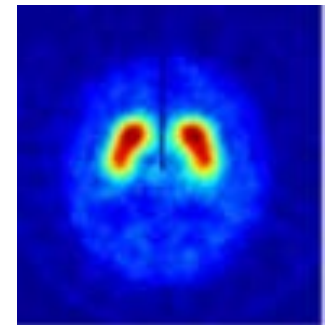
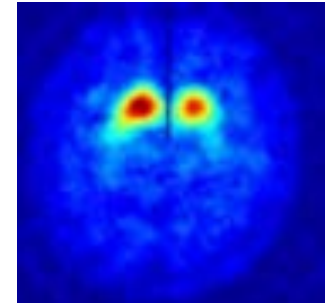
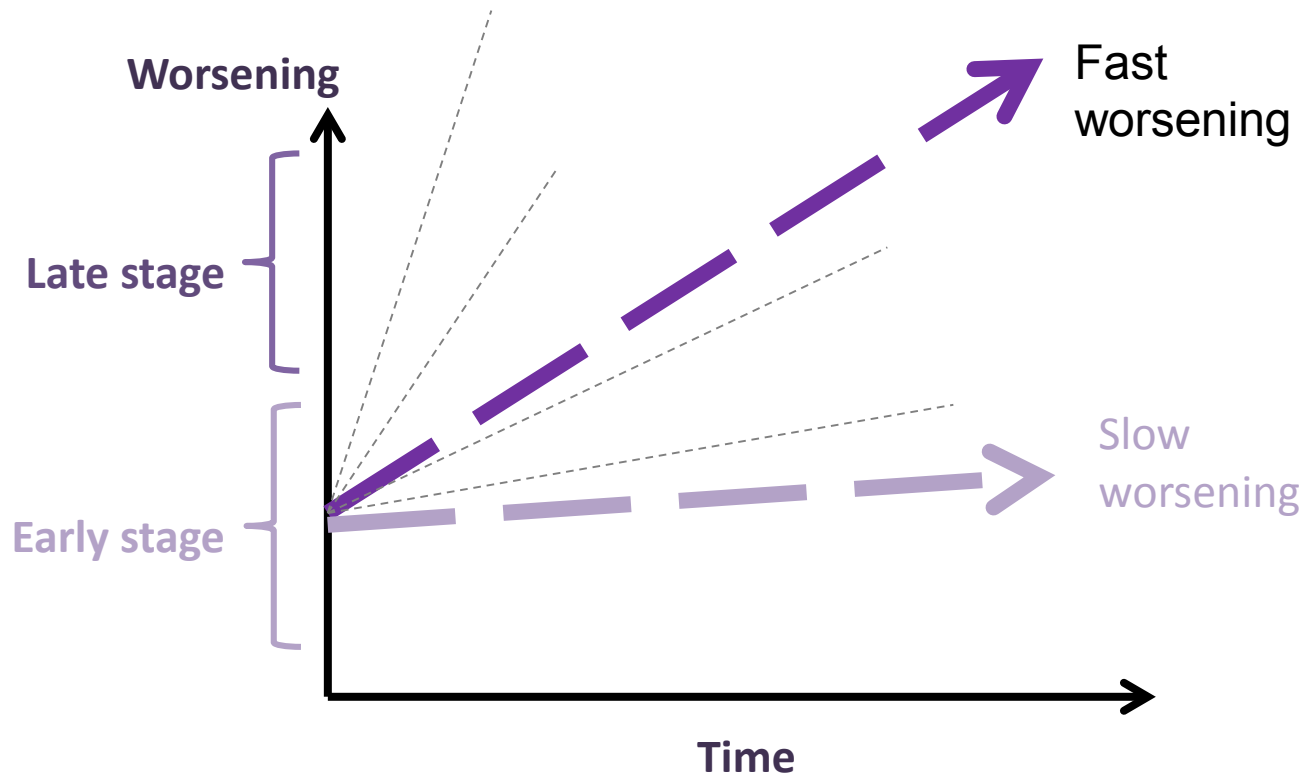


*Beth Vernaleo, Parkinson's Disease Foundation*

# Some people worsen fast, others slowly...



# Using imaging to predict the future

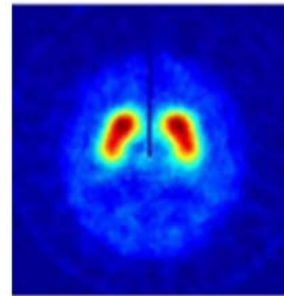




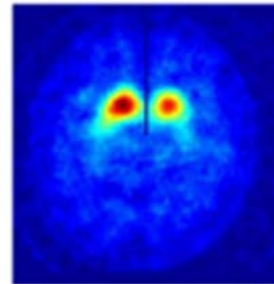
# Using imaging as a biomarker in trials endorsed by EMA



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Normal brain scan (no dopamine deficiency)

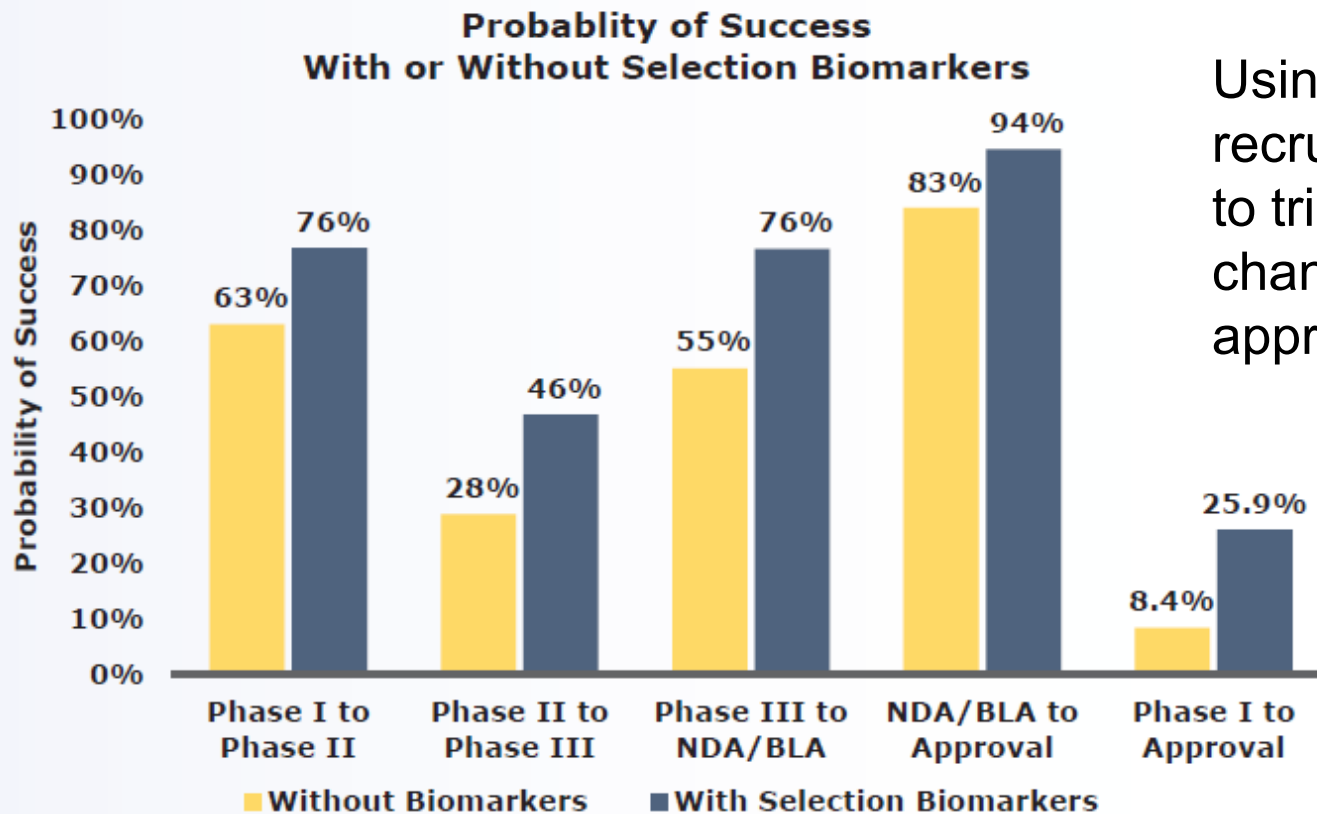


Dopamine deficiency consistent with Parkinson's



***The Parkinson's disease imaging biomarker is the first biomarker to be qualified By Regulatory Authorities***

# What impact could this make?

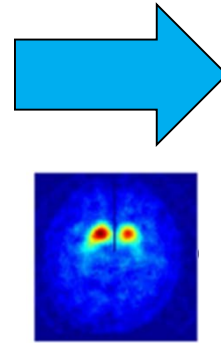


Using biomarkers to recruit the right people to trials increases chances of drug approvals.

*Amplion/BIO report, 2016*

# Critical Path for Parkinson's is already changing the landscape

Before



Now



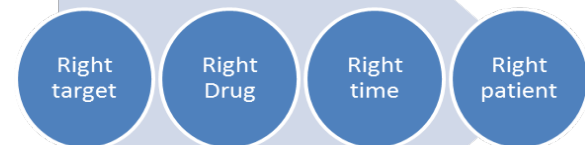
Selecting more appropriate subjects for clinical trials will reduce the numbers needed and make trials more efficient.

# What's next for Critical Path for Parkinson's?

The Critical Path for Parkinson's Consortium brings together the pharmaceutical industry, academic institutions, regulatory agencies, and patient organizations from around the world to shape the future of innovative clinical trials for people with Parkinson's



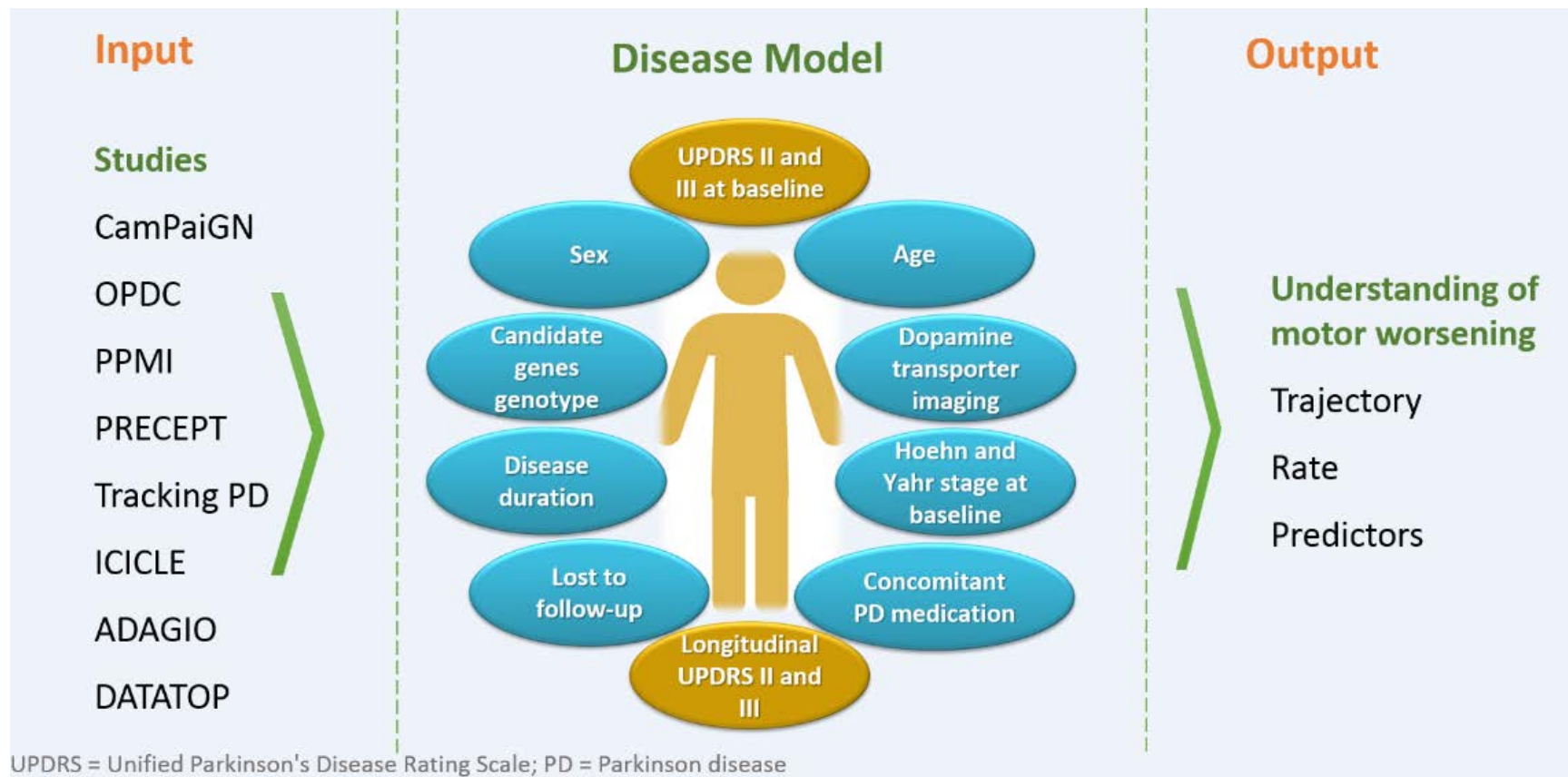
**Integrate even more data from around the world to help create tools that bring:**



# Can Computerized Modeling Help ?

## Model Informed Drug Development

- Using computerized models to simulate different 'what if' scenarios aimed at identifying the ***right drug, right patient at the right time***





# The future: a trial 'flight simulator'?



# This has been achieved for Alzheimer's disease: *other diseases are waiting*

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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### Simulators Help Build a Better Drug Trial

*Pharmaceutical firms start to use powerful computer programs to improve human testing*

By JONATHAN D. ROCKOFF

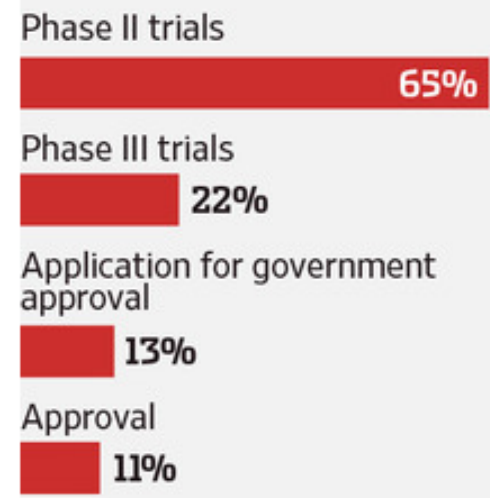
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*“Model-based drug development was one of the goals defined in FDA’s 2004 Critical Path Initiative report, and this new tool sets the stage for applying new technologies to accelerating medical product development,”  
Janet Woodcock, FDA*

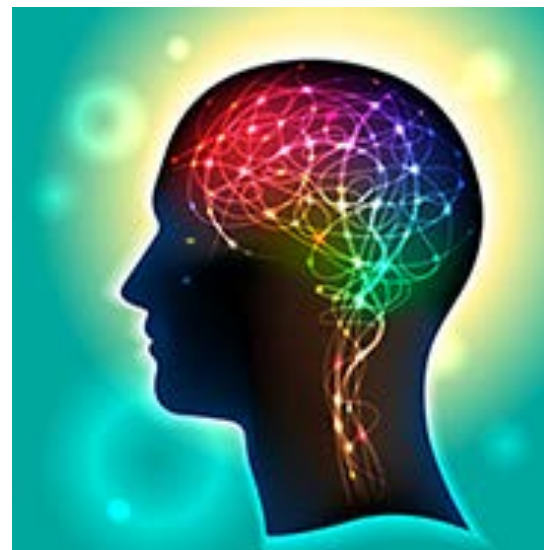
### Frequent Failure

Drug companies are looking to new tools to improve their odds in the development process because it’s currently such a long shot. The percentage of drugs in Phase I trials that advance to:



Source: BioMedTracker data on more than 1,000 companies for 2003-12  
The Wall Street Journal

# The landscape of digital health promises transformation





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- Parkinson's disease therapies are challenging to develop. Critical Path for Parkinson's is a multinational collaboration set in place to tackle the challenges together
- CPP has created the largest fully curated integrated database for Parkinson's (currently includes data from >5000 patients)
- EMA is poised to qualify the first ever imaging biomarker for Parkinson's. This is being widely used to select the right participants for clinical trial programs currently starting in US and Europe including UK.
- Regulators are incentivized to listen to the voice of the patient to bring meaningful safe and effective therapies to those living with Parkinson's
- Modeling tools are being developed to simulate clinical trials and increase the chances of success of future drug development programs
- Collaboration around the world is urgently needed to speed the path to effective treatments



**Remember:**

**Non pharmaceutical interventions are important**

REVIEW

**The Best Medicine? The Influence of Physical Activity  
and Inactivity on Parkinson's Disease**

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There is a lot of exciting new evidence that indicates that physical exercise is beneficial for PD patients to keep them mobile and can even relieve some of their symptoms. Whether it's bicycling, yoga, tai chi, swimming or boxing, keeping active is shown to delay and even improve some symptoms

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