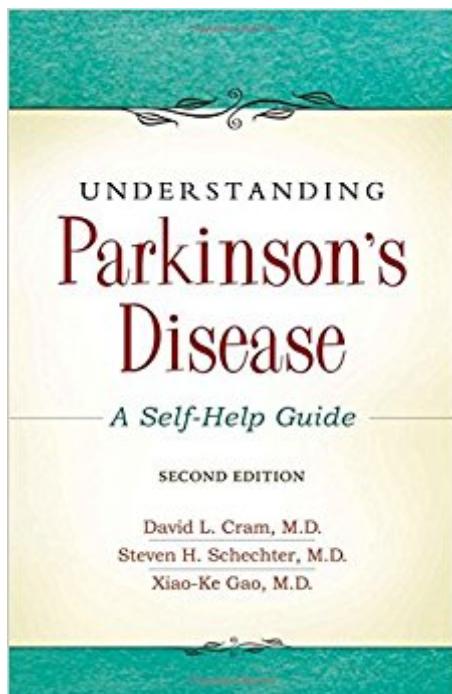


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Understanding Parkinson's Disease: A Self-Help Guide



Synopsis

Addressing a disease that affects half a million Americans today with 100,000 new cases diagnosed annually; this reference emphasizes how treatment and education are vital to maintaining the best quality of life possible. Coauthored by a former physician who has lived with Parkinson's for 20 years, this handbook discusses both the basics of the disease, for which there is no cure, and ways that patients can stay active and maintain independence. Additional topics include symptoms and stages, treatment options, the role of self-help, the emotional side of the illness, day-to-day coping, benefits of exercise, choosing the right doctor, and care for caregivers. Going beyond standard medical information, this unique study also offers a sense of hope, featuring inspirational quotes from dozens of Parkinson's patients.

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very informative

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This book is written in plain language that is easily understandable. Dealing with a spouse that has parkinson's, this book has helped me recognize what symptoms are parkinson's related, what we should be asking our doctors and how we should be taking our medication. I am having all of our children read the book so they too understand what is happening.

Very informative and clear. I recommend it for every person diagnosed with Parkinson's and the family or care giver.

Good book...Easy to understand with handy hints to live with Parkinsons

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