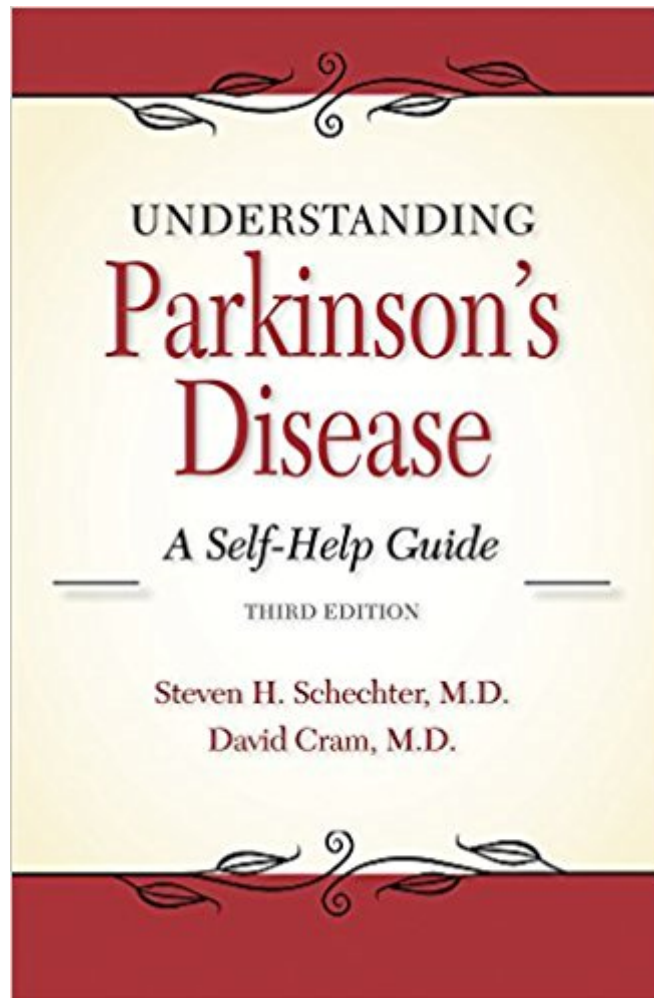




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If you've been told by your doctor, "You have Parkinson's disease," you probably found it difficult to hear those words. Such a diagnosis can be frightening and leave you filled with questions. How will it affect your life? What are your treatment options? These authors are uniquely qualified to understand your concerns. Steven Schechter, M.D., is a neurologist who has treated thousands of patients with Parkinson's disease, and David Cram, M.D., lived with the disease himself. Among the topics they cover are: diagnosis, symptoms and stages, the emotional side of PD • conquering fear and denial, choosing the right health care team, drug therapy • medications and how they work, surgical options, deep brain stimulation, the importance of exercise, coping with day-to-day problems, and care for caregivers.

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for as long as possible." Thus, he first explains the disease: its hallmarks are trembling in the hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face; stiffness and rigidity of the limbs and torso; slowness of movement; and impaired balance and coordination. There are other possible symptoms, from depression to changes in speech. Cram goes on to explain the overall progression of the disease through five stages. The hope he offers is that early self-help and medication may delay or even prevent the later stages. He looks at length at emotional considerations, diet, exercise, and other lifestyle needs, as well as present and possible future medical treatments. Cram also is careful to include practical help and encouragement for caregivers. Kind, practical, and thorough, a valuable starting point. -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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very informative

There is a lot written but this is one of the most comprehensive books I have found along with 100 Questions and Answers by Mohammad Ali. For people being diagnosed and into Parkinson's it is a clear presentation of info needed and asked, it is a great book for caregivers and is factual without being intimidating. It also serves as a reference and a great guide line to the continuing process without undue stress.

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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