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February 27, 2026

On the Move! has a new look, but it is still full of great content.

February was an exciting month for the Movement Disorders Center and was full of important milestones.

First and foremost, we would like to **welcome our newest movement disorders neurologist, Hannah Conn, MD**. Dr. Conn joins us from Baylor College of Medicine, where she completed her movement disorders fellowship. She completed her undergraduate degree and medical school at Georgetown University and her neurology residency at the New York School of Medicine, where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Conn will be seeing patients at the UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital in the Outpatient Pavilion.

The Neurology Clinic at the Anschutz Medical Campus has moved to the fifth floor in the Anschutz Outpatient Pavilion. Please look for the updated signs. Patients can take Elevator C to the fifth floor. Once you exit the elevator bay, turn right (towards the west side of the building) and continue to the first check-in desk.

Congratulations to our administrative partner, Candace, for being selected as Employee of the Month for the University of Colorado Anschutz Campus. Candace will celebrate ten years with the Movement Disorders Center in April. We appreciate all that Candace does to support the Movement Disorders Center and the Neuro-palliative care group.

Dr. Drew Kern and **Dr. Steven Ojemann** completed the **100th high-intensity focused ultrasound** case at the University of Colorado Hospital on Thursday, February 26. Dr. Kern, a movement disorders neurologist, and Dr.

Steven Ojemann, a functional and stereotactic neurosurgeon, serve as co-directors of the Advanced Therapies for Movement Disorders Program.

High-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) is a newer advanced therapy. Patients who have been diagnosed with essential tremor or tremor-predominant Parkinson's disease and are not receiving acceptable tremor control from medication may be eligible.

To learn more about HIFU, visit our [Advanced Therapies](#) webpage or join Dr. Kern on March 6, 2026 for an informational webinar. Dr. Kern will provide an overview of Essential Tremor and Parkinson's disease as well as treatment options available for both. He'll discuss who may be a candidate for which treatment and what to expect on treatment day. All of this will be followed by a live question and answer session with Dr. Kern.

Read on for announcements about dates for our Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium and our Annual Rocky Mountain Huntington's Education Day!





Dr. Vinaykumar "Sonny" Tallavajhala is a second-year movement disorders fellow at the University of Colorado. Dr. Tallavajhala is currently pursuing the six-month Advanced Therapies for Movement Disorders track of our fellowship program offered during the second year of training. During this time, fellows spend their time with our neurologists who are in the operating room as patients undergo deep brain stimulation, focused ultrasound, and pump therapies. Under the supervision of a movement disorders neurologist and neurosurgeon, fellows completing this program are heavily involved in evaluations, testing, planning, programming, and follow-up visits. This hands-on experience is one of only a few programs in the United States that offer such in-depth training.

As such, Dr. Tallavajhala was an essential team member in the 100th high-intensity focused ultrasound case performed on February 26 at the University of Colorado Hospital.

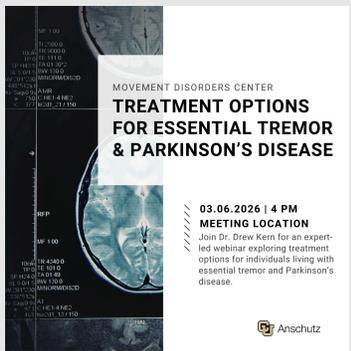


Development and acceptability of a deep brain stimulation surgery decision aid for Parkinson's disease. [Fullard ME](#), [Shelton E](#), [Dafoe A](#), [Kern DS](#), [Morris MA](#), [Matlock DD](#). J Parkinsons Dis. 2026 Feb 18 [Free Article](#)

This month, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy was spotlighted after the passing of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., who passed away at 84 after living with the disease. **CurePSP** explains PSP in their [latest press release on Globe Newswire](#).

The Huntington's Disease Youth Organization will host the 7th North American HDYO Camp, which offers youth the opportunity to meet others impacted by Huntington's Disease (HD). Camp will be hosted August 10-14 in St. Charles, MD for young people 16-25 years old impacted by HD and living in Canada, Puerto Rico, or the United States. Apply for scholarships by March 15, 2026. [Learn more and apply](#).

For patients or care partners looking for assisted living, we strongly encourage you to find a [Parkinson's Foundation Community Partner in Parkinson's Care](#). You can also encourage your skilled nursing home, assisted living community, in-patient rehabilitation center, or home care agency to get certified!



Treatment Options for Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease
 March 6, 2026 | Virtual

From dependent to independent - Join Dr. Drew Kern for this webinar that will explore treatment options for individuals living with essential tremor or Parkinson's disease.

Topics will include: an overview of both diseases, treatment options, candidacy, what to expect on treatment day and a live Q&A session with Dr. Kern.

Dr. Kern is an Associate professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery at the University of Colorado.



A Screening of *Facing the Wind* and Conversation with Producer, Mary Lou Falcone
 April 20, 2026 | Aurora, CO

This event, hosted by the University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center (ACC), is designed to provide community for individuals with Lewy body dementia (LBD) and their families, friends, and loved ones. This event is free and in-person. You'll have the chance to visit interactive brain stations, hear from the executive producer of *Facing the Wind*, and screen the movie. The event will end with a Q&A with Mary Lou and Dr. Samantha Holden, director of the CU LBDA Research Center of Excellence.



Loss, Loneliness, & Love in Caregiving: Addressing what Matters Most to Carers of Persons with Parkinson's and Lewy body dementia

April 29, 2026 | Virtual

The University of Colorado School of Medicine section of Neuropalliative Care is delighted to announce our quarterly speaker series, *The Art and Science of Dementia Care*, which will launch on April 29, 2026.

This series is possible through a generous donation from **Dignify Dementia**. This collaborative initiative aims to provide practical knowledge, emotional support, and expert guidance for those navigating the challenges of caring for individuals living with dementia.

Join **CurePSP** for their new four-week program, *Care Partner Video Club*. This series is designed specifically for care partners of people with PSP, CBD, or MSA. Sessions are scheduled for March 30 (Care Partner Role & Goals), April 6 (Mood & Mental Health), April 13 (Care Partner Stress & Burnout), and April 20 (Making a Plan Forward). Participants will receive each session's video by email one week before the live discussion. Registration through Zoom is required to receive videos and participate.

[Register here.](#)

Join the **Parkinson's Foundation's Rocky Mountain Chapter** on April 3 for the inaugural *Ski for Science: Supporting Parkinson's Research* at Loveland Ski Area. This is an alpine ski event for all ages, featuring live music, a mountain scavenger hunt, barbecue lunch, raffle prizes, and a silent auction - all in support of Parkinson's research. [Purchase tickets.](#)

Save the dates!

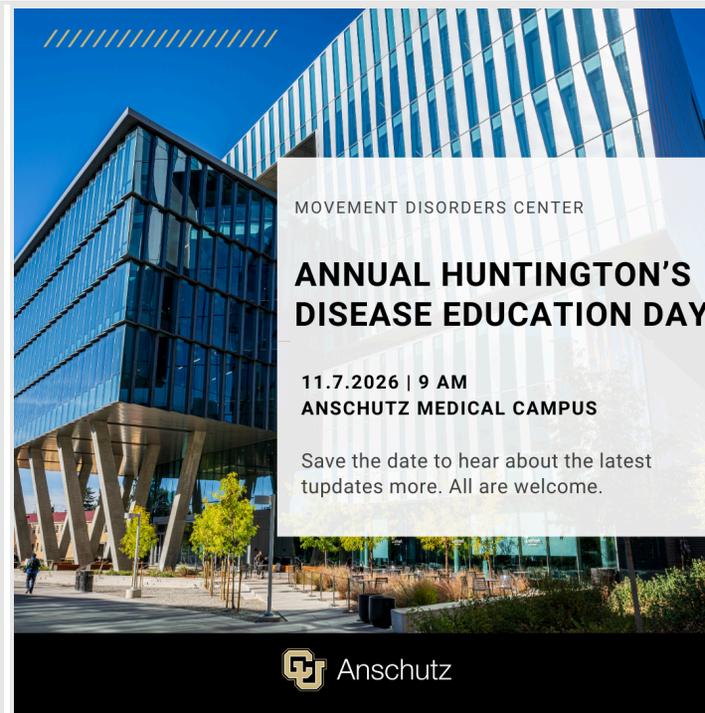


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**13TH ANNUAL
PARKINSON'S DISEASE
SYMPOSIUM**

08.29.2026 | 9 AM
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

Save the date to hear about the latest therapies, research updates, and more. All are welcome.

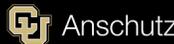


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**ANNUAL HUNTINGTON'S
DISEASE EDUCATION DAY**

11.7.2026 | 9 AM
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

Save the date to hear about the latest updates more. All are welcome.



Have you considered participating in clinical research?

Clinical research plays a vital role in improving treatments and understanding movement disorders, and you will make a meaningful impact by getting involved.

Did you know...

- **Every therapy today began as a clinical trial?** Research participation is essential for advancing new treatments and improving the quality of life for future patients.

- **People who join clinical research often experience better clinical outcomes?** This may be due to closer monitoring by expert clinicians, the placebo effect, or the sense of hope and empowerment that comes from contributing to science.
- **The Movement Disorders Center offers both interventional and observational studies?**
 - Interventional studies test new medications or therapies.
 - Observational studies follow participants over time without introducing new treatments, helping researchers better understand how symptoms change.
- **You do not need to be a patient at the Anschutz Medical Campus to participate.** Most studies are open to individuals receiving care elsewhere.
- **We also need "healthy controls"?** These volunteers help researchers compare findings and improve scientific accuracy.

If you are interested in learning more or exploring whether a study might be a good fit, please contact our research recruitment team.

Phone: 303-724-4644

Email: NeuroResearch@cuanschutz.edu

Highlighted Studies

For more information, please contact our research team using the email or phone number above.

Ceregate (21-5060)

- **Investigator:** Drew Kern, MD, MS
- **Purpose:** To find out if Ceregate therapy reduces freezing of gait in participants with Parkinson's Disease (PD) with pre-existing Gevia™ implanted deep brain stimulation (DBS) system
- **Treatment:** your existing Gevia DBS system is programmed with an additional stimulation program for you to use when walking. You continue to use your existing DBS program and existing medications. There are no new medications, surgeries, or invasive procedures.
- **Timeline:** 5 in person visits over approximately 100 days.
- **Key Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Age: 21-75 years old
 - Diagnosis: Parkinson's Disease (PD)
 - Currently have implanted Gevia™ DBS System
 - Currently have freezing of gait



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Parkinson's disease research opportunity

Learn more about the NEULARK clinical trial

If you are:

- ✓ Aged 40-80 years old
- ✓ Diagnosed with early-stage Parkinson's Disease
- ✓ Not currently on dopamine replacement therapies such as levodopa

Find out how you can fast-forward Parkinson's disease research when you follow the link.



[Learn more](#)

Find a full list of studies on the [Department of Neurology Research site](#).



The University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center is committed to improving the lives of people affected by Parkinson's disease, atypical parkinsonisms, Huntington's disease, ataxia, essential tremor, dystonia, and other

movement disorders. Philanthropic support fuels our mission by advancing innovative research, strengthening patient care, and building programs that support our community.

Your generosity directly supports key priorities, including:

Fellowship Training - One of our most critical needs. Philanthrop enables us to train the next generation of movement disorders specialists, expanding access to expert care across Colorado and beyond. Fellowships are not fully covered by clinical revenue and donor support is essential for sustaining and growing these positions. The University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center prioritizes training clinicians who will serve areas that are underserved by movement neurologists or who have a focus on continuing research after graduation.

Research and Clinical Trials - Funding helps accelerate discovery by supporting investigator-initiated studies, expanding clinical trial infrastructure, and fostering breakthroughs in diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life. The University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center works to fund young clinicians and basic scientists through a pilot grant program to give these early researchers the foundation they need to continue in movement disorders research for their career.

Patient and Care Partner Programs - Donations help us offer education symposia and webinars and community outreach that empower individuals and families living with movement disorders. We offer these programs for free so that everyone may have access to the most up-to-date information.

Advanced Clinical Care - Philanthropic contributions strengthen multidisciplinary services, enhance innovative therapies, and support initiative that improve long-term outcomes for our patients.

Every gift - large or small - has a meaningful impact on the patients, families, clinicians, and researchers who make up our community.

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