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March 27, 2026

Welcome Spring!

In March, we celebrated **Essential Tremor Awareness Month**. Essential Tremor involves involuntary shaking that happens while a person is doing a task. This type of tremor is called an action tremor. Essential tremor most commonly affects the limbs, but can also affect other parts of the body, such as the head and voice. Essential tremor affects approximately 10 million people in Colorado, and the University of Colorado Movement Disorders Center is committed to providing the best care to our patients across the state and in the Rocky Mountain Region. In addition to medication management, we also offer [advanced therapies](#), including High Intensity Focused Ultrasound and Deep Brain Stimulation, when medication is no longer a suitable option. Patients who live in rural Colorado can connect with our clinic through our [telehealth program](#).

In March, we also celebrate women's history and International Women's Day. [Women undergo deep brain stimulation less than men despite the similar occurrence of Parkinson's in men and women](#). Dr. Michelle Fullard has created a decision aid to help all patients decide if and when deep brain stimulation surgery is right for them. You can [read more](#) and preview [the tool](#).

Please be aware that construction will impact the Neurology clinic from May 4, 2026, through June 12, 2026. Our clinic leadership expects this to have a significant impact on our clinic flow. Please allow extra time before appointments during this time.

Members of the Movement Disorders Center and Lewy Body Dementia Center of Excellence participated in the Parkinson Foundation's Revolution Ride. This is an annual event to raise funds for the Parkinson's Foundation. The Parkinson's Foundation supports research and patient education with this event. As a Center of Excellence, we are honored to ride on behalf of our patients and our research participants. We look forward to attending more events this spring!



Dr. Tyler Orem Selected for the HD PACT Fellowship

We are pleased to share that Dr. Tyler Orem has been selected for the Huntington's Study Group's HD PACT Fellowship, a nationally recognized program designed to train future leaders in Huntington's disease care and research. Beginning in July 2026, this one-year fellowship provides intensive subspecialty training focused on developing comprehensive clinical expertise, advancing research skills, and building long-term career pathways in HD. This program also encourages fellows to contribute to HD education through teaching, community engagement, and participation in HD-related academic discussions and conferences.


Dr. Orem's selection reflects his strong commitment to advancing clinical care, research, and advocacy for the HD community. We look forward to the impact he will continue to make through this exceptional opportunity.



A First-of-Its-Kind Tool Helps Parkinson's Patients Decide if Deep Brain Stimulation is Right for Them - Developed by CU Anschutz experts, the evidence-based guide was recommended by 94% of participants, *featuring Michelle Fullard, MD, MSCE*
[Read the story here.](#)

Michael J Fox Foundation Press Release - New Report: In 2024, Parkinson's Disease Cost the U.S. \$82.2 Billion, Surpassing Previous Projections
[Read the release here.](#)

uniQure Provides Regulatory Update on AMT-130 for Huntington's Disease - Press Release
[Read the release here.](#)





ALZHEIMER'S AND COGNITION CENTER
SCREENING OF
FACING THE WIND
AND CONVERSATION WITH PRODUCER,
MARY LOU FALCONE

4.20.2026 | 10 AM
AURORA, CO

Join the Alzheimer's & Cognition Center for a screening of *Facing the Wind* and a conversation with the producer.

The ACC is a Lewy Body Dementia Research Center of Excellence.



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 Lewy Body Dementia Center of Excellence, 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.



NEUROPALIATIVE CARE
LOSS, LONELINESS, & LOVE IN CAREGIVING

4.29.2026 | 1 PM
VIRTUAL

Sandhya Seshadi, PhD, MA, MS (Univ. of Rochester) joins CU Neuropalliative Care for the quarterly series, "The Art and Science of Dementia." Dr. Seshadi will outline top caregiver priorities and how her work aims to address them.

This series is supported by a grant from Dignify Dementia.

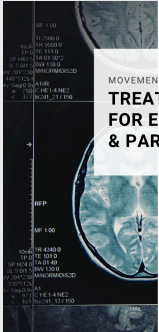


Loss, Loneliness, & Love in Caregiving: Addressing what Matters Most to Carers of Persons with Parkinson's and Lewy body dementia

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.



MOVEMENT DISORDERS CENTER
TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR ESSENTIAL TREMOR & PARKINSON'S DISEASE

03.06.2026 | 4 PM
MEETING LOCATION

Join Dr. Drew Kern for an expert-led webinar exploring treatment options for individuals living with essential tremor and Parkinson's disease.



Treatment Options for Essential Tremor and Parkinson's Disease

June 5, 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.

More MDC Events

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!



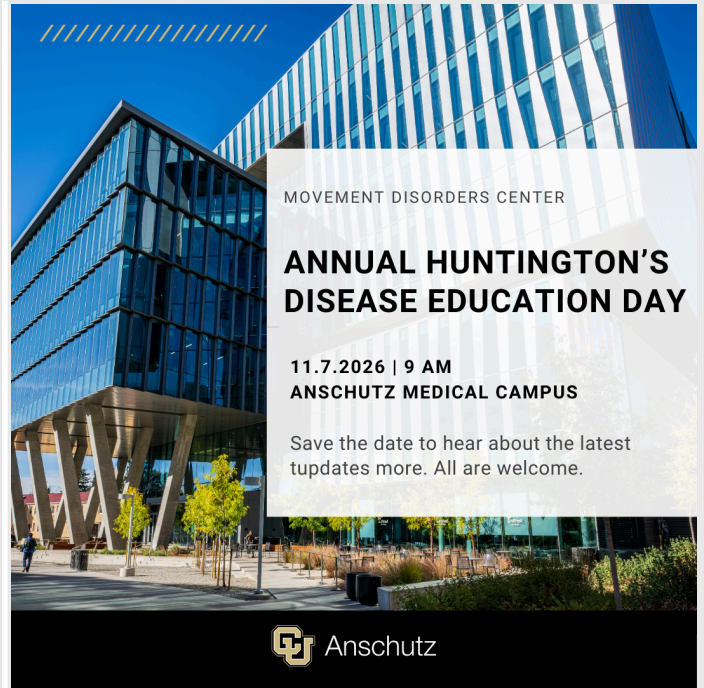
MOVEMENT DISORDERS CENTER

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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MOVEMENT DISORDERS CENTER

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.

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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 Genvia™ 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



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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