

**THE PARKINSON'S REAL-WORLD IMPACT ASSESSMENT (PRISM) STUDY: A  
EUROPEAN SURVEY OF THE BURDEN OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE IN PATIENTS AND  
THEIR CARERS**

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## **ABSTRACT**

**BACKGROUND:** A greater understanding of the everyday experiences of people with Parkinson's disease (PD) and their carers may help improve clinical practice.

**OBJECTIVE:** The Parkinson's Real-world Impact assesSMent (PRISM) study evaluated medication use, health-related quality of life (HRQoL) and the use of healthcare resources by people with PD and their carers.

**METHODS:** PRISM is an observational cross-sectional study, in which people with PD and their carers completed an online survey using structured questionnaires, including the Parkinson's Disease Quality of Life Questionnaire (PDQ-39), Non-Motor Symptoms Questionnaire (NMSQuest) and Zarit Burden Interview (ZBI).

**RESULTS:** Data were collected from 861 people with PD (mean age, 65.0 years; mean disease duration, 7.7 years) and 256 carers from six European countries. People with PD reported a large number of different co-morbidities, non-motor symptoms (mean NMSQuest score, 12.8), and impaired HRQoL (median PDQ-39 summary score, 29.1). Forty-five percent of people with PD reported at least one impulse control behaviour. Treatment patterns varied considerably between different European countries. Levodopa was taken in the last 12 months by 85.9% of participants, and as monotherapy by 21.8%. Carers, who were mostly female (64.8%) and the partner/spouse of the person with PD (82.1%), reported mild to moderate burden (mean ZBI total score, 26.6).

**CONCLUSIONS:** The PRISM study sheds light on the lives of people with PD and those who care for them, re-emphasising the many challenges they face in everyday life. The study also provides insights into the current treatment of PD in Europe.

**Keywords:** Caregivers; Catechol O-Methyltransferase Inhibitors; Comorbidity; Dopamine Agonists; Europe; Levodopa; Observational Study; Parkinson Disease; Quality of Life; Surveys and Questionnaires.

## INTRODUCTION

Parkinson disease (PD) is the most common neurodegenerative movement disorder, with estimated prevalence and incidence rates in Europe of approximately 108–257/100,000 and 11–19/100,000 per year, respectively [1]. Data from the Global Burden of Disease Study have shown that the number of people with PD has more than doubled globally over the last 25 years to over 6 million, in part due to more people living for longer [2].

People with PD have to contend with increasing physical disability, a greater risk of dementia and depression, and treatment-related complications including dyskinesias and impulse control disorders [3–8], all of which can affect their health-related quality of life (HRQoL) [9]. The lives of carers are also affected, resulting in situational anxiety and depression and physical exhaustion, as well as financial hardship [9–13].

A greater understanding of the everyday experiences of people with PD may help to improve clinical practice and improve the quality of life of patients and those who care for them.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study design

The Parkinson's Real-world Impact assesSMent (PRISM) study is a European, observational, cross-sectional survey designed by an international scientific committee in collaboration with The Cure Parkinson's Trust (a United Kingdom-based research-driven charity). The data were collected using an online questionnaire, completed by people with PD and their carers (**Appendix 1**). The questionnaire comprised two main sections: the first was completed from the perspective of the people with PD, either by themselves or with the help of their carers, and the second was completed by the primary carer. An initial pilot study was conducted in the United Kingdom (February–March 2019), following which the survey was modified to improve clarity and then translated for use in other European countries (France, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain). Data from the pilot study were included in the final analysis.

A process was undertaken in the United Kingdom to determine whether ethical approval was required for the study, using online tools provided by the NHS England Health Research Authority. This indicated that the study was research (*'Is my study research?'* <http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/>) but did not require NHS Research Ethics Committee (REC) approval (*'Do I need NHS REC approval?'* <http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/ethics/>). Participation in the study was voluntary for all respondents (including omitting individual survey questions that a respondent did not wish to answer). The survey was

made available primarily via patient groups and at the discretion of selected healthcare centres (if ‘advertisement’ was required in order to extend reach in any of the participating countries, this was not in any way coercive, relying solely on leaflets in patient waiting rooms); and no identifying information about respondents was requested or held by researchers involved in the study. All participants were informed before entering the survey that all information would be treated confidentially and stored securely, as required by General Data Protection Regulation. Healthcare professionals had no direct role in recruitment.

### **Study population**

People with PD and their carers were recruited through the help of PD advocacy groups in each country, through email and social media campaigns; and leaflets made available at patient advocacy group events in Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom, and in specialist PD clinics in Spain. Since participation in the online survey was voluntary, it was not possible to actively screen a patient sample that was representative of the whole PD population. However, recruitment efforts aimed to reach the maximum number of people with PD in each of the target countries. Advocacy groups (**Appendix 2**) maintain online networks of people with PD, through regular newsletters, online forums and social media.

### **Study assessments**

It was advised that, if possible, most of the questions in the online questionnaire should be completed by people with PD and carers together. Sensitive questions (e.g. relating to sexual functioning) were optional and placed in a separate section at the end of the survey, where it was clearly indicated that these questions could be completed by the patient or carer alone.

### ***Questionnaire for people with PD***

Socio-demographic data and information on co-morbidities, pharmacological treatment, the use of healthcare resources and the impact of PD on employment, family relationships, sexual relationships and impulse control behaviour were obtained using structured questionnaires (**Appendix 1**). HRQoL was assessed using the Parkinson’s Disease Quality of Life Questionnaire (PDQ-39; Oxford University Innovation Limited) [14] and non-motor symptoms were assessed using the Non-Motor Symptoms Questionnaire (NMSQuest; International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, Inc.) [15]. The PDQ-39 has been validated for use in all of the languages used in PRISM. The NMSQuest has been translated and validated for use in English, Spanish and German. Agreement for translation into French, Italian and Portuguese was obtained from the developer (translation conducted by UK Techtrans Ltd.). Impulsivity assessment was based on the Questionnaire for Impulsive-Compulsive Disorder in

Parkinson's Disease (QUIP) [16], where patients were asked whether they, or others close to them, thought that they had problems related to gambling, hypersexuality, buying too much, eating too much, taking too much PD medication, or spending too much time on hobbies ('hobbyism'). Questions relating to sexual relationships were taken from the Medical Outcomes Study Sexual Functioning Scale [17]. Questions relating to demographics, comorbidities and employment status were collected without specific tools/questionnaires.

### ***Carer questionnaire***

Socio-demographic data, including information on the carer's relationship to the person with PD, the number of hours spent caring for the person with PD, the use of social network support to help with care, and the impact of PD on the carer's relationship with the patient, were obtained by a structured interview (**Appendix 1**). Carer burden was assessed using the Zarit Burden Interview (ZBI; Mapi Research Trust) [18, 19]. The ZBI comprises 22 questions about the impact of the patient's disabilities on the carer's life. Answers are scored 0 for 'never', 1 for 'rarely', 2 for 'sometimes', 3 for 'quite frequently' and 4 for 'nearly always', with the total scores ranging from 0–88 (0–20, little or no burden; 21–40, mild to moderate burden; 41–60, moderate to severe burden; 61–88, severe burden [20]). The ZBI has been validated for use in all of the languages used in PRISM.

### **Statistical methods**

A target of 100 responses was set for each country. While the study was not powered to demonstrate statistical differences, representation of population sub-groups (patient age, nature of therapeutic intervention) was attempted. No formal statistical analyses were performed. Continuous variables were summarised using descriptive statistics, and categorical variables were summarised using frequency counts and percentages.

## **RESULTS**

### **Study population**

Between 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, data were collected from 861 people with PD (of whom 599 provided complete responses and 262 provided partial responses) and from 256 carers from six European countries (France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom). 'Complete response' was defined as reaching the end of the non-optional questions (all questions up to and including Q84; see **Appendix 1**) before submitting the survey responses. Of the 599 respondents who reached the end of the non-optional questions, a small proportion did not reply to all previous questions (PDQ-39, n=1; Q10, n=11; Q83, n=11). 'Partial response' was defined as failure to meet the criterion for complete response.

### **Characteristics of people with PD**

The mean age of the studied population was 65.0 years (ranging from 62.2 years in Germany to 68.8 years in France) and 50.5% were male (**Table 1**). The majority of participants (85.9%) were aged between 50 and 79 years. The mean age at diagnosis was 57.7 years (ranging from 54.3 years in Germany to 59.8 years in France) and the mean disease duration was 7.7 years (ranging from 6.2 years in the United Kingdom to 9.5 years in France). Most of the participants lived in urban locations, since 80.8% travelled <30 miles/50 km to see a specialist. The population was well educated, with 34.0% having a university degree or post-graduate degree, and <20% having primary or secondary non-advanced school/vocational training as their highest education level.

A range of co-morbidities were reported with the most frequent ( $\geq 10\%$  of participants) being hypertension (25.3%), depression (21.9%), anxiety (15.8%) and rheumatological conditions (10.6%) (**Table 1**).

### **Use of anti-PD medication**

Levodopa had been taken in the last year by 85.9% of participants (**Figure 1A**) and was the first prescribed anti-PD medication in 67.4%, ranging from 58.2% in France to 87.5% in Portugal. Levodopa was taken as monotherapy by 21.8% of the overall population, ranging from 8.3% in Germany to 38.3% in the United Kingdom (**Figure 2**). The use of levodopa increased with age: levodopa was used by 65.8% of people with PD aged 40–49 years, 78.7% of those aged 50–59 years, 88.1% of those aged 60–69 years, 88.4% of those aged 70–79 years and 89.8% of those aged 80–89 years. Dopamine agonists and MAO-B inhibitors were taken as monotherapy by 4.1% and 1.8% of participants in the overall population, respectively.

Dopamine agonists, MAO-B inhibitors and COMT inhibitors were currently taken (last 12 months) by 52.8%, 42.3% and 15.4% of people with PD, respectively (**Figure 1A**). Of all the anti-PD classes, dopamine agonists were the anti-PD medication that was most commonly discontinued (16%), followed by MAO-B inhibitors (13%) and COMT inhibitors (6%) (**Figure 1A**). The commonest reason for stopping treatment with a dopamine agonist was an adverse reaction (10.5%), whereas the most common reason for stopping treatment with both MAO-B and COMT inhibitors was ‘stopped working or re-emergence of wearing off’ effects (MAO-B inhibitors, 6.8%; COMT inhibitors, 2.6%) (**Figure 1B**).

The most common combinations of PD medications in the overall population were levodopa + dopamine agonist + MAO-B inhibitor (14.3%), followed by levodopa + dopamine agonist (13.7%) and levodopa + MAO-B inhibitor (9.1%). However, there were notable differences between countries (**Figure 2**). For example, levodopa + dopamine agonist + MAO-B inhibitor was the commonest combination in Italy (18.7%), Portugal (18.7%) and Spain (17.7%), whereas levodopa + dopamine agonist were most often used in France (18.6%), Germany (17.9%) and the United Kingdom (10.2%). The number of participants receiving no anti-Parkinsonian drug treatment ranged from 1.7% to 9.5%.

### **Impact of PD on quality of life**

HRQoL and factors that have an impact on the HRQoL of people with PD were measured using several instruments, including the PDQ-39, the NMSQuest, and a structured interview to investigate employment, engagement in daily activities, impulse control, sexual functioning and relationships. Results of the PDQ-39 demonstrated that people with PD had impaired HRQoL (**Figure 3; Table 2**). The median PDQ-39 summary score was 29.1 (interquartile range [IQR], 18.0–43.9), with the highest domain scores (i.e. worst HRQoL) occurring in bodily discomfort (median, 41.7; IQR, 25.0–58.3) and mobility (median, 35.0; IQR, 15.0–62.5). PDQ-39 scores showed worse HRQoL in those diagnosed before age 50 years across all domains except cognition (median summary score, 34.8 vs. 31.0) (full data not shown). PDQ-39 scores were also higher across all domains in people with PD diagnosed with anxiety and/or depression than in those not diagnosed with either condition (median summary score, 46.2 vs. 28.6) (full data not shown).

People with PD also had a wide range of non-motor symptoms and the mean (standard deviation [SD]) NMSQuest score was 12.8 (6.0). Non-motor symptoms reported by  $\geq 50\%$  of participants comprised urgency of micturition (70.8%), nocturia (62.1%), feeling sad (61.8%), difficulty sleeping (59.7%), constipation (58.8%), forgetfulness (56.5%), difficulty concentrating (56.2%), loss of/change in taste or smell (54.7%), unpleasant leg sensations at rest (53.2%), high/low sexual interest (51.5%) and feeling anxious (50.0%).

The majority (76.3%) of participants were not working and 28.4% of the total population had retired early due to PD (**Table 2**). Among the 23.7% of participants who were working, 31.1% reported reducing work hours in the previous 12 months. The majority (62.1%) reported a reduced time spent on daily activities, such as shopping and gardening, during the previous 12 months, and a reduction of >20 hours per week was reported by 16.2% of participants.

Approximately three-quarters (74.6%) of men reported problems sustaining a penile erection and 60.6% of women reported problems with orgasm. Participants also reported that PD affects domestic relationships: approximately 70% reported that PD had adversely affected family relationships moderately (28.3%), very much (28.8%) or extremely (12.0%), and approximately 60% reported that this had increased moderately (25.9%), very much (23.2%) or extremely (11.0%) as PD had progressed (**Figure 4**).

### **Impact of PD on impulse control behaviours**

Approximately 45% of people with PD had at least one impulse control behaviour, including binge eating (23.2%), compulsive shopping (15.1%), hobbyism (14.7%), hypersexuality (11.7%), compulsive consumption of PD medications (9.4%) and pathological gambling (4.2%). All impulse control behaviours were more frequently reported in those participants taking dopamine agonists compared with those who had never taken a dopamine agonist (**Figure 5A**). Most impulse control behaviours were also more frequently reported in those taking dopamine agonists compared with those who had stopped taking dopamine agonists (**Figure 5A**). People with PD diagnosed with depression (21.9% of the study population) or anxiety (15.8% of the study population) were more likely to report impulse control behaviours relating to eating, shopping, hobbyism and compulsive consumption of PD medications than those without these co-morbidities (**Figure 5B**).

### **Healthcare and social care resource utilisation**

During the preceding 12 months, 96.0% of people with PD were under specialist care, 66.0% had accessed physiotherapy services and 24.0% had used mental health services. Overall, 26% of participants reported at least one emergency department presentation in the previous 12 months and 18% reported hospital admissions. Falls were the most common reason for emergency department presentation (30.0% of presentations) and hospital admission (13.2% of admissions). The majority of participants (approximately 90%) did not report routine use of community services (social care, paid caregiver, nursing care, overnight assistance, day care).

### **Characteristics of carers of people with PD**

Most of the carers were female (64.8%) and the partner/spouse of the person with PD (82.1%) (**Table 3**). The majority (76.8%) of the carers were aged between 45 and 74 years.

### **Impact of caring for people with PD**



Carers reported spending a mean 22.5 hours/week caring for the person with PD (**Table 4**) and the majority (55%) received no additional assistance from other family member or other sources. Overall, carers reported mild to moderate burden (mean [SD] ZBI total score, 26.6 [17.6]). Approximately 50% of carers reported that PD impacts their family relationships moderately (26.6%), very much (16.7%) or extremely (5.2%), and approximately 50% reported that this impact had increased moderately (23.2%), very much (22.4%) or extremely (3.9%) as the person with PD's condition progressed (**Figure 4**). Forty-six percent of carers reported that their partner's PD had affected their sexual relationship.

## DISCUSSION

The PRISM study provides information on the disease burden and treatment of people with PD. A range of co-morbidities were reported, consistent with previous reports [21, 22]. The rate of hypertension observed in PRISM (25.3%) was lower than what might be expected, since the overall prevalence of hypertension in adults has been estimated at 30–45% increasing to >60% in people aged >60 years [23], and previous studies in people with PD have also reported a higher figure than that observed in PRISM (e.g. 41.1% in a study of a large Scottish primary care database [22]). The relatively low rate in PRISM might have been due to under-reporting among participants with well-controlled blood pressure. Previous evidence of a potential association between Type 2 diabetes and PD [24] was not supported by the current study.

Levodopa was currently used (last 12 months) by the majority of respondents (~90%), with 22% taking it as monotherapy. Only a small proportion of participants were currently using dopamine agonists and MAO-B inhibitors as monotherapy (4% and 2%, respectively), considerably lower than reported in earlier studies [25–27]. In one survey of 500 people with PD from the USA and five European countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom), which was conducted during 2003–2004, 71% of early-stage patients were being treated with monotherapy, of whom 39% were taking dopamine agonists [25]. In the Spanish, multicentre, retrospective ROPI-PARK study (published in 2009), which evaluated the use of ropinirole in approximately 420 people with PD, 24% had been treated with dopamine agonist monotherapy in the previous 18 months [26]. In another study, conducted in the United Kingdom between 2004 and 2015, 21% of over 6000 people with PD treated with anti-PD medication were taking ropinirole monotherapy and a further 17% were taking pergolide monotherapy, over a median follow-up duration of 2.8 years [27]. The lower use of dopamine agonist monotherapy in PRISM may reflect changes in treatment recommendations and prescribing practice over time, since dopamine agonists and MAO-B inhibitors were preferred over levodopa as initial monotherapy options 25 years ago because of their

perceived potential to delay the onset of dyskinesia and/or motor fluctuations, and a misplaced notion that they were neuroprotective [28].

There was considerable variation between countries in terms of therapeutic regimens, which may reflect cultural differences in prescribing practice, but may also reflect the differences in the disease stage of patient populations between individual countries. For example, although the use of levodopa monotherapy was highest in the United Kingdom, a higher proportion of participants had been diagnosed within the past 5 years, compared with the other countries (55% in the United Kingdom, 47% in Spain, 42% in Portugal, 41% in Italy and 33% in both Germany and France). Given the range of therapies available for PD and the long duration of disease, therapeutic regimens are tailored for the individual patient based in part on the most disabling symptoms of the disease (including both motor and non-motor symptoms and motor fluctuations); individual preferences of people with PD may also influence treatment decisions. Although PD severity (disease stage) was not measured in PRISM, further analyses of medication use in relation to disease duration, age and symptomatology will allow for clearer conclusions about treatment patterns and differences between countries. For instance, there was a trend for a lower percentage of levodopa users in the younger versus older age categories.

Impulse control behaviours were reported by approximately 45% of people with PD and these were more frequently reported in those currently taking dopamine agonists than in those who had never taken, or stopped taking, a dopamine agonist. The prevalence of impulse control behaviours in the PRISM population appears to be higher than in other similar studies, where a prevalence of up to approximately 35% has been reported [29]. However, a 5-year longitudinal study conducted in France, in which impulse control behaviours were evaluated by movement disorders specialists during face-to-face semi-structured interviews, reported a cumulative incidence of 46% in a population of over 300 patients with PD who did not have impulse control behaviours at baseline, and a cumulative incidence of 52% in those who had ever used dopamine agonists [30]. The prospective, non-interventional, multicentre ICARUS study (Impulse Control disorders And the association of neuRopsychiatric symptoms, cognition and qUality of life in ParkinSon disease) assessed the presence of impulse control disorders/other compulsive behaviours ('ICD behaviours') in over 1000 people with PD over a 2-year period. Point prevalence of ICD behaviours remained stable during follow-up, being 29% at baseline, 29% at year 1 and 27% at year 2 [3]. In ICARUS, the most prevalent type of ICD behaviour was compulsive eating, followed by punding (a need to carry out a pointless repetitive motor behaviour over long periods of time), compulsive sexual behaviour, gambling and shopping [3]. In PRISM, eating was also the most commonly reported impulse control behaviour, followed by shopping and hobbyism. In ICARUS, people with PD with ICD behaviour

were shown to have more severe depression, poorer sleep quality and reduced quality of life, compared with those who did not have ICD behaviours [3]. In PRISM, there was also an apparent association between diagnosis of depression and/or anxiety and higher rates of most reported impulse control behaviours. Several patient factors have been found to be associated with the development of impulse control behaviours in those treated with dopamine agonists, including a history of psychiatric symptoms, earlier onset of disease, longer disease duration, dopamine agonist dosage, male sex, younger age, and motor complications in PD [29].

The median PDQ-39 summary score was 29.1; however, the IQR was 18.0–43.9, indicating that there was variability between individuals in the degree to which PD impacts their HRQoL. The PDQ-39 results indicate that HRQoL was particularly affected by problems with bodily discomfort (median score, 41.7) and mobility (median score, 35.0). People with PD diagnosed before age 50 years were shown to have worse HRQoL scores than those diagnosed after age 50 years, as were those diagnosed with anxiety and/or depression in comparison with those not diagnosed with either condition. These findings are consistent with those of a study conducted in 817 people with PD from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom (mean age, 66.5 years; 54% male; mean disease duration, 3.3 years), in which the mean PDQ-39 summary score was 25.4 [31]. As in PRISM, the mobility domain was particularly impaired (mean score, 36.7) but the bodily discomfort score was lower than in PRISM (mean score, 24.7) [31]. In another European study, in which the PDQ-39 was completed by a postal survey (n=202; mean age, 69.8 years; mean disease duration, 8.7 years), mobility (median score, 45) and bodily discomfort (median score, 41.7) were also the domains that were most affected [32]. The Italian multicentre, naturalistic PaRkInson And non-MOtor symptoms (PRIAMO) study investigated the prevalence of non-motor symptoms in 1072 people with PD (mean age, 67.4 years; 60% male; mean disease duration, 5.1 years) [33] and used the PDQ-39 to prospectively assess the impact of non-motor symptoms on HRQoL in a subset of 377 people with PD over 2 years [34]. Although there was no overall change in the mean PDQ-39 summary score over this time period, the summary score significantly increased (indicating worsening HRQoL) in patients who developed non-motor symptoms in the cardiovascular, apathy, psychiatric and fatigue domains during the 24-month study period, compared with patients who experienced regression of the same symptoms in these domains ( $p < 0.0045$  for all comparisons) [34]. Taken together, these findings indicate that although non-motor symptoms contribute significantly to reduced quality of life, motor disability due to bradykinesia and rigidity is, for most patients, the most important factor contributing to reduced quality of life.

People with PD in PRISM had a high incidence and wide range of non-motor symptoms, including urinary difficulties, constipation, loss of/change in taste or smell, sleeping difficulties, feelings of sadness, anxiety, problems with forgetfulness and difficulties concentrating. The mean  $\pm$  SD NMSQuest score ( $12.8 \pm 6.0$ ) is compatible with several earlier studies:  $9.3 \pm 4.3$  (Italy);  $11.0 \pm 5.3$  (Germany); and  $10.0 \pm 5.3$  (United Kingdom) [35]. Non-motor symptoms may be present in the early stages of PD and increase in frequency and severity as the disease progresses, impairing HRQoL and overall health status [36, 37]. Non-motor symptoms are also strongly associated with the need for residential care, with one report claiming that 80% of people with PD have dementia 20 years after diagnosis [37].

Over three-quarters of participants in the PRISM study were not working and >60% reported a reduced time spent on daily activities during the previous 12 months. Although the age profile of the population (mean age, 65 years) indicated that many may have been coming towards the end of their working lives, 28% had retired early due to PD and almost a third of those who had not retired reported that they had reduced their work hours in the previous 12 months. In a Swedish population-based cohort study in which >1400 people with PD (median age, 63 years) completed a postal questionnaire, only 24% of people with PD were employed  $\geq 10$  years after diagnosis and only 6% worked full-time [38]. Moreover, compared with matched controls, unemployment status independently correlated with a greater risk of dissatisfaction with life ( $p < 0.05$ ) [38]. In another questionnaire-based study of 937 working-aged people with PD who were members of the Finnish Parkinson Association (median age, 59 years), only 150 (16%) were still working (full-time, 12%; part-time, 4%) [39]. In line with the PRISM population, 37% of people with PD in the Finnish study had retired early due to PD; the median age at retirement was 53.4 years and the median working time after an established PD diagnosis was 1.7 years (4.3 years for those in part-time work) [39]. In the PRISM study, approximately 70% of people with PD reported that PD impacted their family relationships; a disturbance that worsened with increased duration of disease. The high rate of sexual problems reported by people with PD warrants further study.

PRISM also provided insights into the impact of PD on the use of health and social care resources. In the past 12 months, almost all people with PD (96%) were under specialist care, more than one quarter reported at least one hospital emergency department presentation, and approximately one fifth reported an inpatient admission. These findings illustrate the burden of PD on society and will be the focus of further research using data from PRISM.

Although carers reported mild to moderate burden (mean ZBI score, 26.6), almost all (~90%) reported that PD had impacted on family relationships and almost 50% reported that caring for a person with PD

had adversely affected their sexual relationship. These findings are consistent with those of other studies. For example, in an Italian study of 126 patients (mean age, 69 years) and their carers (mean age, 58 years), the majority of carers were women (70%) and spouse to the person with PD (60%), although 32% of patients were cared for by sons/daughters [12]. Most carers (92%) had been caring for the person with PD for  $\geq 12$  months, and over half (53%) were caregiving 24 h a day. Carers of people with PD who were receiving standard of care (as opposed to a continuous dopaminergic delivery system) had a mean ZBI score of 31.4, indicating mild to moderate burden (as in PRISM) [12].

Since the survey was made available primarily via patient groups' online networks and at the discretion of selected healthcare centres, this might have resulted in a study population that was not necessarily representative of the general PD population; for example, ethnicity was not recorded as part of the survey, so it was not possible to determine whether minority ethnic groups were appropriately represented. Moreover, online survey methods are likely to select a younger and more educated population. The poor and the very old are two groups that are likely to have been underrepresented (only 8% of the PRISM population were aged  $\geq 80$  years). People with advanced PD were also underrepresented, since the median disease duration of people with PD was 6 years. The study depended on questionnaires and did not permit formal neurological assessment, assessment of the severity of motor disability, or objective evaluation of impulse control behaviours using a structured interview; in addition, the reporting of co-morbidities was based on patient-reported diagnoses, rather than the retrieval of objective information from medical records. Online survey methods do, however, have the advantages of allowing data collection in hard-to-reach populations and in those unable to travel to medical centres (for example, due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19). In people with PD who provided a partial response to the survey, the questions that were not answered tended to be towards the end of survey (for example, 261/262 replied to the PDQ-39 compared with 8/262 to Q81 and 4/262 to Q83), emphasising the importance of positioning the key questions in any study at the beginning.

Although the findings presented here are descriptive in nature, the size of the population is a strength of the study, which will allow further statistical examination of the data in the future (for example, multivariate analyses to explore drivers of HRQoL impairment and carer burden; analyses to investigate the impact of disease duration on characteristics such as use of PD medication, sexual functioning and impulse control behaviours). It is anticipated that future country-specific analyses will be conducted using the data collected in PRISM. PRISM also offers the opportunity to analyse between-country differences for issues such as medication prescribing practices and the role of allied health services.

The PRISM study sheds further light on the lives of people with PD, highlighting the many challenges they face, including the high rates of comorbidity, motor and non-motor symptoms and impulse control disorders that may adversely affect ability to work/perform daily activities and quality of life. The findings also provide information on how medical treatment approaches vary considerably between countries across Europe. Finally, PRISM demonstrates that the wellbeing of those who care for people with PD is also adversely affected and needs to receive greater recognition from society.

## **DATA AVAILABILITY**

BIAL is committed to help improving the care of PD patients through high-quality scientific research. The full results dataset will be made available for further analyses to any health care professional or academic researcher at <https://prism.bial.com/>.

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## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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**Table 1. Characteristics of people with PD in the PRISM cohort, by country**

Characteristic	Total	France	Germany	Italy	Portugal	Spain	United Kingdom
Number of respondents							
N	861	63	92	264	80	149	213
Complete response, n (%)	599 (69.6)	39 (61.9)	65 (70.7)	172 (65.2)	53 (66.3)	100 (67.1)	170 (79.8)
Partial response, n (%)	262 (30.4)	24 (38.1)	27 (29.3)	92 (34.8)	27 (33.8)	49 (32.9)	43 (20.2)
Gender							
N	858	62	92	264	80	149	211
Male, n (%)	433 (50.5)	33 (53.2)	46 (50.0)	135 (51.1)	44 (55.0)	78 (52.4)	97 (46.0)
Female, n (%)	418 (48.7)	29 (46.8)	45 (48.9)	126 (47.7)	36 (45.0)	70 (47.0)	112 (53.1)
Other, n (%)	4 (0.5)	0	0	2 (0.8)	0	1 (0.7)	1 (0.5)
Prefer not to say, n (%)	3 (0.4)	0	1 (1.1)	1 (0.4)	0	0	1 (0.5)
Age, years							
N	855	62	92	262	80	148	211
Mean (SD)	65.0 (10.2)	68.8 (9.1)	62.2 (8.7)	65.9 (10.4)	66.2 (11.5)	62.6 (11.4)	65.4 (8.9)
Median (IQR)	65 (58–72)	70 (64–74)	61 (54–69)	66 (59–73)	66 (61–72)	62 (54–71)	66 (58–72)
Age group							
N	856	62	92	262	80	149	211
<40 years, n (%)	10 (1.2)	1 (1.6)	0	1 (0.4)	4 (5.0)	4 (2.7)	0
40–49 years, n (%)	44 (5.1)	0	4 (4.4)	14 (5.3)	4 (5.0)	13 (8.7)	9 (4.3)
50–59 years, n (%)	206 (24.1)	6 (9.7)	36 (39.1)	59 (22.5)	9 (11.3)	45 (30.2)	51 (24.2)
60–69 years, n (%)	295 (34.5)	23 (37.1)	31 (33.7)	87 (33.2)	33 (41.3)	45 (30.2)	76 (36.0)
70–79 years, n (%)	234 (27.3)	24 (38.7)	20 (21.7)	77 (29.4)	20 (25.0)	28 (18.8)	65 (30.8)
80–89 years, n (%)	64 (7.5)	8 (12.9)	1 (1.1)	22 (8.4)	10 (12.5)	13 (8.7)	10 (4.7)
≥90 years, n (%)	3 (0.4)	0	0	2 (0.8)	0	1 (0.7)	0
Age at diagnosis, years							
N	827	51	90	261	79	137	209
Mean (SD)	57.7 (11.3)	59.8 (12.5)	54.3 (10.2)	57.6 (11.3)	58.2 (11.9)	56.5 (12.9)	59.2 (9.7)
Median (IQR)	58 (49–65)	60 (53–66)	54 (47–64)	57 (49–67)	58 (52–67)	55 (48–63)	59 (53–66)

Disease duration, years							
N	813	48	90	258	77	131	209
Mean (SD)	7.7 (6.3)	9.5 (6.8)	7.7 (6.9)	8.4 (6.5)	8.8 (6.8)	7.6 (6.5)	6.2 (5.1)
Median (IQR)	6 (3–11)	9 (4–13)	6 (3–10)	7 (3–12)	7 (4–12)	6 (3–10)	5 (3–9)
Distance to travel to see a specialist							
N	858	62	92	264	80	149	211
<30 miles/50 km, n (%)	693 (80.8)	43 (69.4)	78 (84.8)	202 (76.5)	64 (80.0)	125 (83.9)	181 (85.8)
30–60 miles/50–100 km, n (%)	88 (10.3)	16 (25.8)	5 (5.4)	26 (10.0)	7 (8.8)	14 (9.4)	20 (9.5)
>60 miles/100 km, n (%)	65 (7.6)	3 (4.8)	4 (4.4)	33 (12.5)	9 (11.3)	10 (6.7)	6 (2.8)
Unknown, n (%)	12 (1.4)	0	5 (5.4)	3 (1.1)	0	0	4 (1.9)
Highest education level							
N	858	62	92	264	80	149	211
Primary or secondary school/vocational, n (%)	170 (19.8)	3 (4.8)	19 (20.7)	63 (23.9)	23 (28.8)	39 (26.2)	23 (10.9)
Secondary school advanced/vocational, n (%)	158 (18.4)	17 (27.4)	34 (37.0)	75 (28.4)	4 (5.0)	7 (4.7)	21 (10.0)
Further education or training college, n (%)	171 (19.9)	20 (32.3)	10 (10.9)	47 (17.8)	18 (22.5)	27 (18.1)	49 (23.2)
Some university, n (%)	51 (5.9)	6 (9.7)	0	5 (1.9)	8 (10.0)	19 (12.8)	13 (6.2)
Completed university degree, n (%)	190 (22.1)	8 (12.9)	22 (23.9)	58 (22.0)	17 (21.3)	38 (25.5)	47 (22.3)
Post-graduate degree, n (%)	102 (11.9)	8 (12.9)	4 (4.4)	16 (6.1)	7 (8.8)	17 (11.4)	50 (23.7)
Prefer not to say, n (%)	16 (1.9)	0	3 (3.3)	0	3 (3.8)	2 (1.3)	8 (3.8)
Most frequently reported co-morbidities <sup>a</sup>							
N	859	63	92	264	80	149	211
High blood pressure	217 (25.3)	10 (15.9)	30 (32.6)	69 (26.1)	16 (20.0)	41 (27.5)	51 (24.2)
Depression	188 (21.9)	6 (9.5)	18 (19.6)	67 (25.4)	21 (26.3)	32 (22.8)	42 (19.9)
Anxiety	136 (15.8)	9 (14.3)	1 (1.1)	46 (17.4)	21 (26.3)	26 (17.5)	33 (15.6)
Rheumatic diseases	91 (10.6)	8 (12.7)	3 (3.3)	32 (12.1)	8 (10.0)	21 (14.1)	19 (9.0)
Heart issues	73 (8.5)	6 (9.5)	6 (6.5)	27 (10.2)	7 (8.8)	15 (10.1)	12 (5.7)
Diabetes	55 (6.4)	7 (11.1)	11 (12.0)	14 (5.3)	2 (2.5)	7 (4.7)	14 (6.6)
Asthma	49 (5.7)	2 (3.2)	9 (9.8)	10 (3.8)	2 (2.5)	4 (2.7)	22 (10.4)
Gastric ulcer	47 (5.5)	1 (1.6)	5 (5.4)	25 (9.5)	5 (6.3)	6 (4.0)	5 (2.4)

Cancer	43 (5.0)	6 (9.5)	1	17 (6.4)	0	6 (4.0)	13 (6.2)
Dementia	36 (4.2)	0	2 (2.2)	14 (5.3)	6 (7.5)	4 (2.7)	10 (4.7)
Peripheral vascular disease	31 (3.6)	3 (4.8)	8 (8.7)	11 (4.2)	3 (3.8)	4 (2.7)	2 (0.9)
Kidney disease	16 (1.9)	0	2 (2.2)	5 (1.9)	2 (2.5)	7 (4.7)	0

<sup>a</sup>≥4% of participants in any country. IQR, interquartile range; PD, Parkinson's disease; SD, standard deviation.

**Table 2. HRQoL (measured using the PDQ-39), non-motor symptoms (measured using the NMSQuest), employment status and retirement status in people with PD**

Characteristic	Statistic
PDQ-39 summary score	
N	859
Median (IQR)	29.1 (18.0–43.9)
NMSQuest score	
N	591
Mean (SD)	12.8 (6.0)
Current employment status	
N	607
Not employed, n (%)	463 (76.3)
In paid employment, n (%)	109 (18.0)
Other (e.g. on sick leave), n (%)	35 (5.8)
Number of hours of work reduced (per week) over past 12 months in those who reported being in paid employment	
N	106
0 (no reduction)	73 (68.9)
<5 h, n (%)	10 (9.4)
5–10 h, n (%)	10 (9.4)
11–15 h, n (%)	5 (4.7)
16–20 h, n (%)	2 (1.9)
>20 h, n (%)	6 (5.7)
Early retirement	
N	444
Retired early, n (%)	164 (36.9)
Retired early due to PD, n (%)	126 (28.4)
Retired early but PD was not the main reason, n (%)	38 (8.6)
Did not retire early, n (%)	264 (59.5)
Prefer not to say, n (%)	16 (3.6)
Reduction in hours of daily activities (per week) over past 12 months	
N	580
0 (no reduction)	220 (37.9)
<5 h, n (%)	112 (19.3)
5–10 h, n (%)	86 (14.8)
11–15 h, n (%)	45 (7.8)
16–20 h, n (%)	23 (4.0)

>20 h, n (%)	94 (16.2)
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HRQoL, health-related quality of life; IQR, interquartile range; NMSQuest, Non-Motor Symptoms Questionnaire; PD, Parkinson's disease; PDQ-39, Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire-39; SD, standard deviation.



**Table 3. Characteristics of carers of people with PD**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>N=256</b>
Country, n (%)	
N	256
France	24 (9.4)
Germany	9 (3.5)
Italy	81 (31.6)
Portugal	30 (11.7)
Spain	38 (14.8)
United Kingdom	74 (28.9)
Gender	
N	256
Male, n (%)	90 (35.2)
Female, n (%)	166 (64.8)
Age group	
N	254
<18–44 years, n (%)	19 (7.5)
45–54 years, n (%)	38 (15.0)
55–64 years, n (%)	65 (25.6)
65–74 years, n (%)	92 (36.2)
75–84 years, n (%)	38 (15.0)
≥85 years, n (%)	2 (0.8)
Relationship to person with PD	
N	251
Partner/spouse, n (%)	206 (82.1)
Sibling, n (%)	35 (13.9)
Parent, n (%)	8 (3.2)
Child, n (%)	2 (0.8)

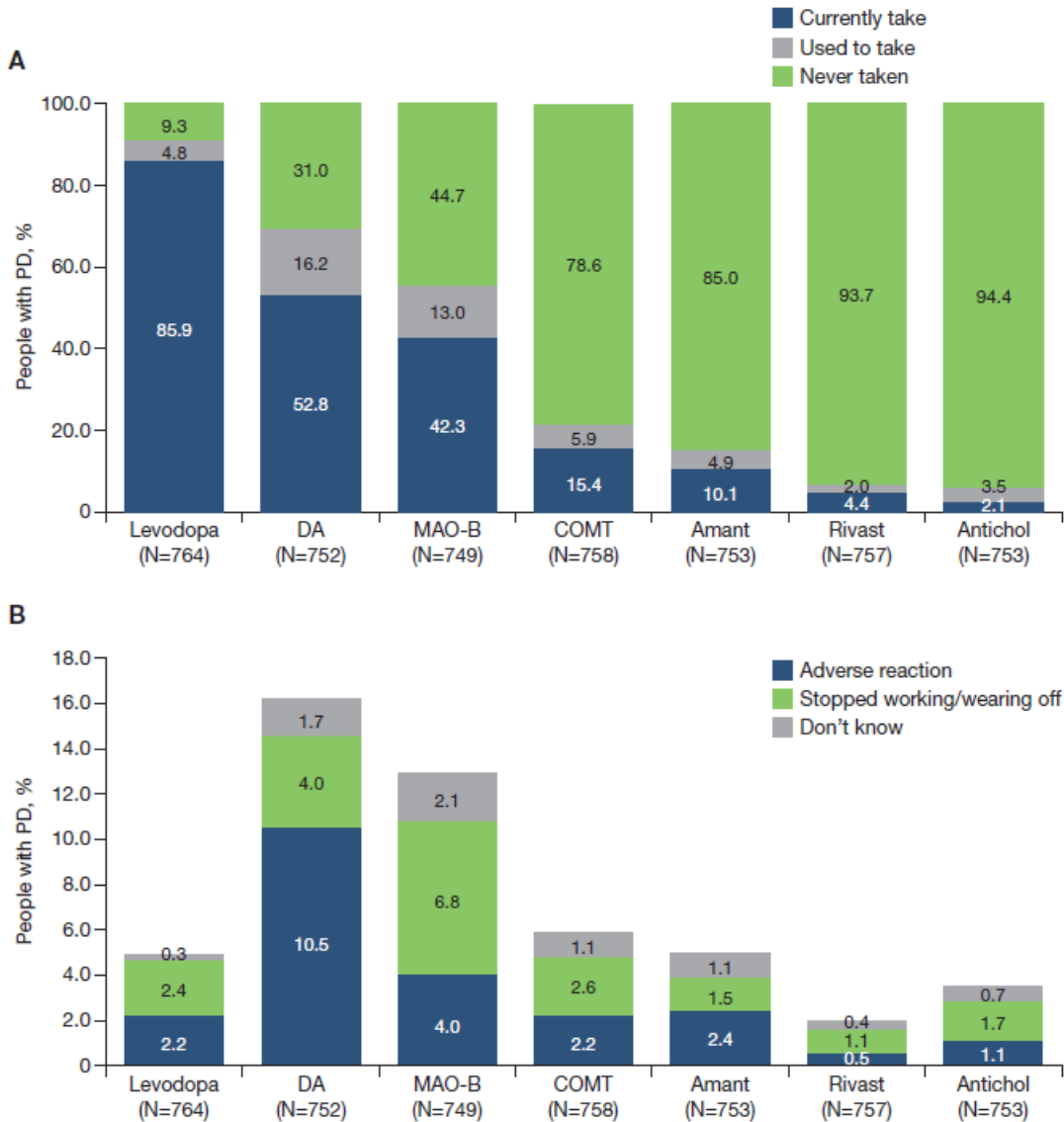
PD, Parkinson's disease.

**Table 4. Burden of carers of people with PD**

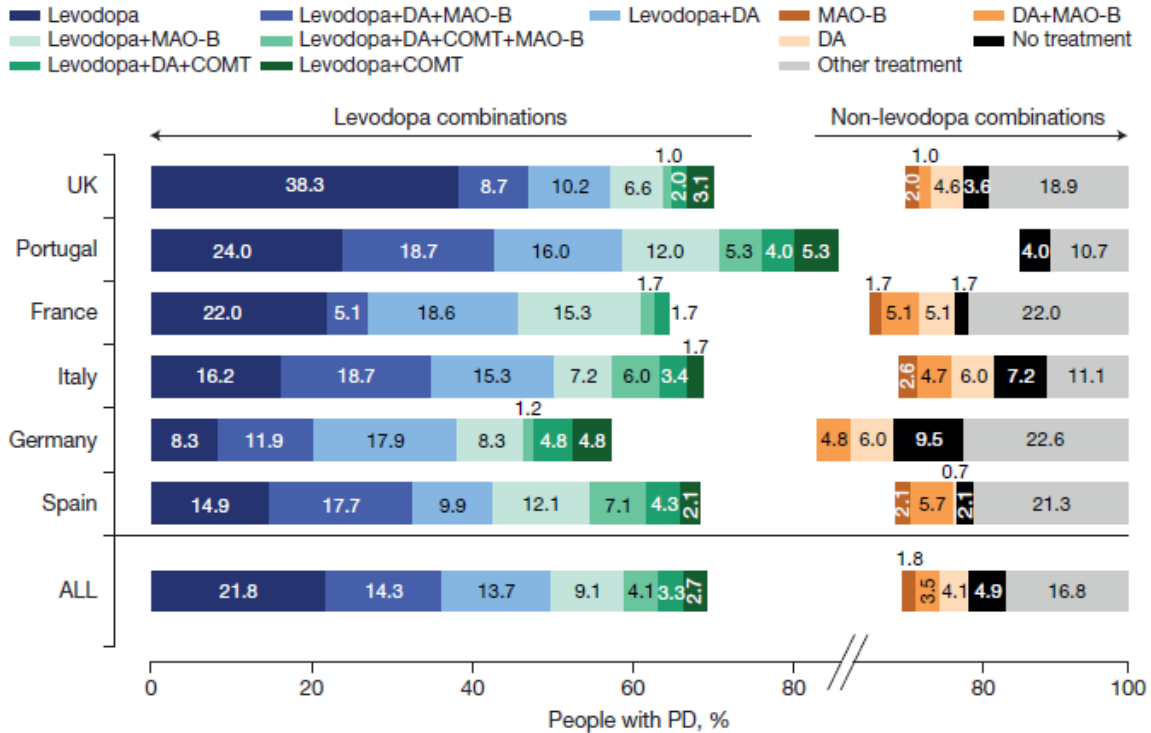
Parameter	N=256
Hours of care to person with PD/week	
N	214
Mean (SD)	22.5 (24.6)
Median (IQR)	14 (3–36)
ZBI total score <sup>a</sup>	
N	246
Mean (SD)	26.6 (17.6)
Median (IQR)	25 (11–39)
Burden severity by ZBI total score <sup>a</sup>	
N	246
Severe (ZBI total score >60), n (%)	7 (2.8)
Moderate/severe (ZBI total score 41–60), n (%)	48 (19.5)
Mild/moderate (ZBI score 21–40), n (%)	84 (34.1)
Little/no burden (ZBI ≤20), n (%)	107 (43.5)
Assistance from others in caring for person with PD	
N	242
Family member, n (%)	72 (29.8)
Friend, n (%)	32 (13.2)
Paid nurse, n (%)	8 (3.3) <sup>b</sup>
Other paid caregiver, n (%)	29 (12.0) <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Assessed over previous month. <sup>b</sup>N=241. IQR, interquartile range; PD, Parkinson's disease; SD, standard deviation; ZBI, Zarit Burden Inventory.

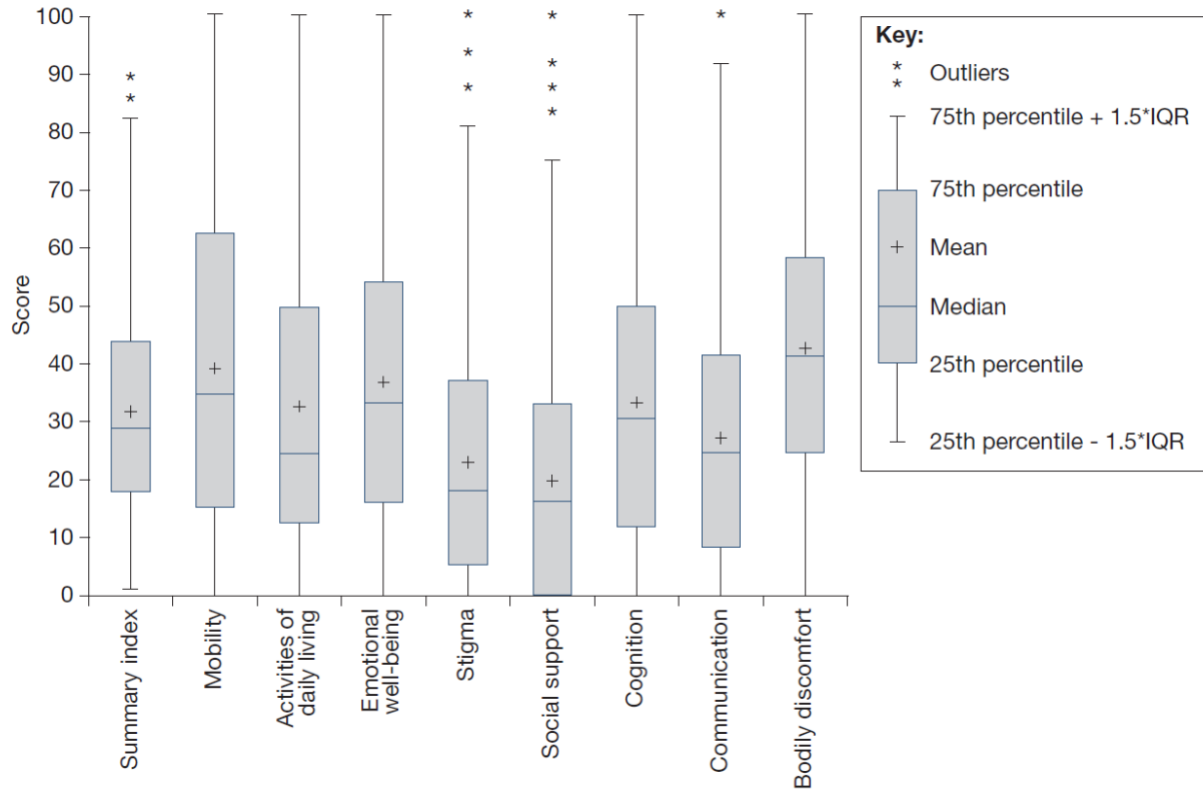
**Figure 1. (A) Current (last 12 months) and previous use of anti-PD medications by therapeutic class and (B) Reasons for stopping use of therapeutic classes.** N excludes missing values, “prefer not to say” and “other”. Antichol, anticholinergics; Amant, amantadine; COMT, catechol-O-methyltransferase inhibitor; DA, dopamine agonist; Levodopa, levodopa-containing therapy; MAO-B, monoamine oxidase-B inhibitor; Rivast, rivastigmine; PD, Parkinson’s disease



**Figure 2. Current (last 12 months) use of therapeutic combinations (12 most common) for total PRISM population and by country.** N=790. N excludes missing values, “prefer not to say” and “other. COMT, catechol-O-methyltransferase inhibitor; DA, dopamine agonist; L-dopa, levodopa-containing therapy; MAO-B, monoamine oxidase-b inhibitor; PD, Parkinson’s disease

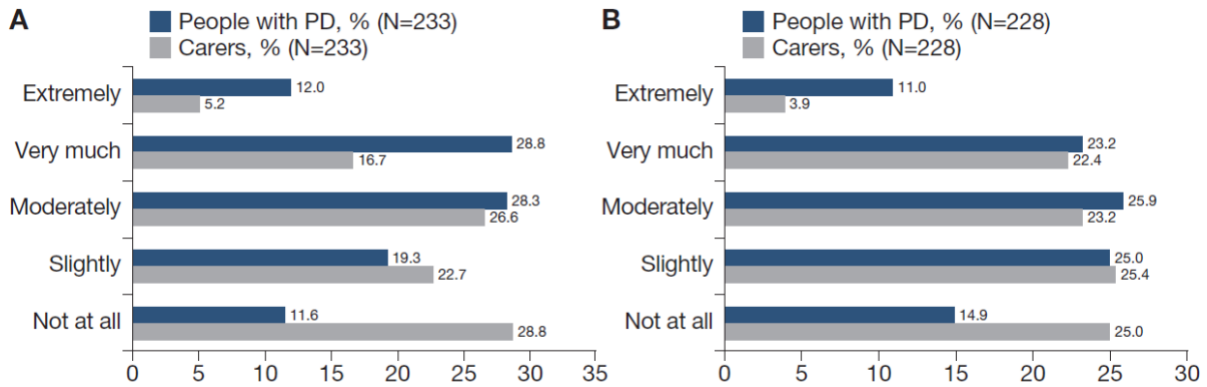


**Figure 3. HRQoL in people with PD as measured using the PDQ-39 (N=859).** HRQoL, health-related quality of life; IQR, interquartile range; PD, Parkinson’s disease; PDQ-39, Parkinson’s Disease Questionnaire-39

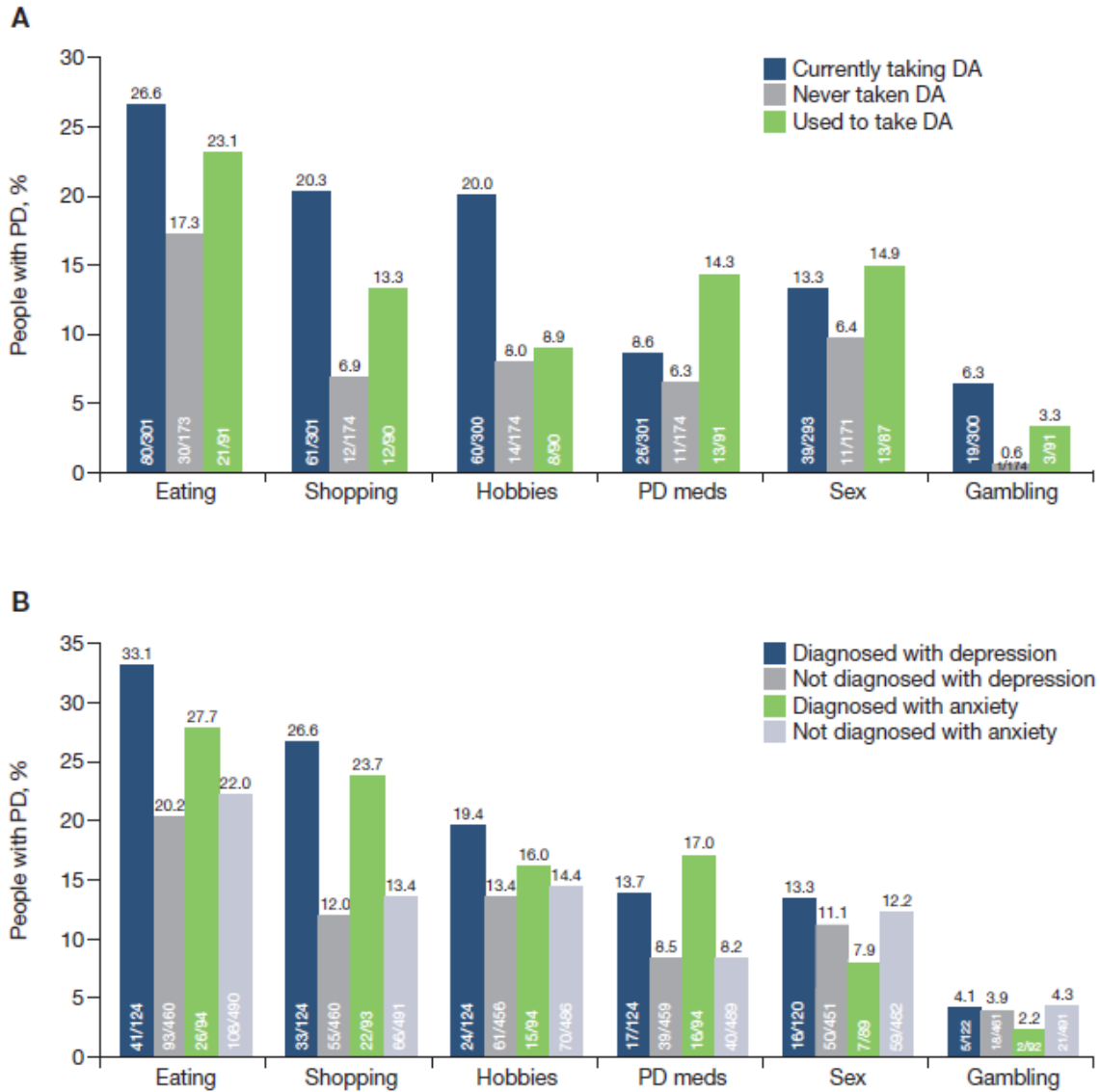


**Figure 4. Impact of PD on relationships: (A) Impact of PD on relationships for people with PD and matched carers and (B) Change in impact on people with PD and matched carers as PD progressed.**

N reflects the total number of people with PD whose carers also answered questions regarding the impact PD has had on their relationship (“Has your relationship suffered because of the illness?” [left] and “Do you feel the impact of Parkinson’s on your relationship has changed as the disease has progressed?” [right]). N excludes missing values, “I don’t know” and “prefer not to say”. PD, Parkinson’s disease



**Figure 5. (A) Impulse control behaviour by dopamine agonist usage and (B) Impulse control behaviour in people with PD diagnosed with comorbid depression and anxiety. DA, dopamine agonist; PD, Parkinson’s disease**



## Appendix 1. PRISM survey

### PART 1: PWP survey

#### Some details about the person with Parkinson's

Your responses to these questions will help us to interpret your responses to the other questions. All of the information that you give will be kept confidential.

1. Which country do you live in? \*



England



Scotland



Wales



Northern Ireland



France



Germany



Italy



Portugal



Spain



Other (please specify below)

If your country is not listed, please specify below.

Your responses to these questions will help us to interpret your responses to the other questions. All of the information that you give will be kept confidential.

2. How old are you (in years)? \*

3. How old were you when you were first diagnosed with Parkinson's? If you can't remember, please make your best estimate.

\*

Please enter the age you were diagnosed if you were under 50 or over 90

4. What is your gender? \*



Male



Female



Other



Prefer not to say

5. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed? \*





Primary or secondary school/vocational level 1 & 2/trade apprenticeship



Secondary school advanced or vocational level 3



Further education or training college below degree level



Some university



Completed university degree



Post-graduate degree



Prefer not to say

6. How far do you travel (one-way) from your home to a specialist centre or a specialist consultant for Parkinson's disease treatment (neurologist)? \*



Less than 30 miles / 50km



30-60 miles / 50-100km



More than 60 miles (100km)



Unknown

7. In addition to Parkinson's disease, are you currently being treated for, or have you been diagnosed (current diagnosis) with, any of the following...? Check all that apply \*



Heart issues (heart attack, heart failure)



Stroke



Peripheral vascular disease (also known as peripheral arterial disease)



High blood pressure



Asthma



Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)



Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)



Kidney disease



Liver disease

The picture can't be displayed.  
Gastritis (ulcer)

The picture can't be displayed.  
Cancer

The picture can't be displayed.  
Dementia

The picture can't be displayed.  
Rheumatic diseases (inflammatory arthritis, autoimmune diseases such as lupus and vasculitis, bone conditions such as osteoarthritis and osteoporosis)

The picture can't be displayed.  
Depression

The picture can't be displayed.  
Anxiety

The picture can't be displayed.  
I have no other diagnosis

The picture can't be displayed.  
Prefer not to say

The picture can't be displayed.  
Other (please specify):

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### Parkinson's Disease Quality of Life Questionnaire (PDQ-39)

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Please select one response option for every question Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty doing the leisure activities which you would like to do? \*

The picture can't be displayed.  
Never

The picture can't be displayed.  
Occasionally

The picture can't be displayed.  
Sometimes

The picture can't be displayed.  
Often

The picture can't be displayed.  
Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty looking after your home, e.g. DIY, housework, cooking? \*

The picture can't be displayed.  
Never

The picture can't be displayed.  
Occasionally

The picture can't be displayed.  
Sometimes

The picture can't be displayed.  
Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty carrying bags of shopping? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems walking half a mile? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems walking 100 yards? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems getting around the house as easily as you would like? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty getting around in public? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Needed someone else to accompany you when you went out? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always or cannot do at all

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt frightened or worried about falling over in public \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Been confined to the house more than you would like? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty washing yourself? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty dressing yourself? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems doing up your shoe laces? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems writing clearly? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty cutting up your food? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty holding a drink without spilling it?  
\*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt depressed? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt isolated and lonely? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt weepy or tearful? \*



Never

- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt angry or bitter? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt anxious? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt worried about your future? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt you had to conceal your Parkinson's from people? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally


 Sometimes


 Often

 Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Avoided situations which involve eating or drinking in public? \*

 Never

 Occasionally


 Sometimes


 Often


 Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt embarrassed in public due to having Parkinson's disease? \*

 Never

 Occasionally

 Sometimes

 Often

 Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt worried by other people's reaction to you? \*

 Never

 Occasionally

 Sometimes

 Often

 Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems with your close personal relationships? \*

 Never



- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Lacked support in the ways you need from your spouse or partner? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always
- The picture can't be displayed. If you do not have a spouse or partner, please tick here

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Lacked support in the ways you need from your family or close friends? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Unexpectedly fallen asleep during the day? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had problems with your concentration, e.g. when reading or watching TV? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt your memory was bad? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had distressing dreams or hallucinations? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had difficulty with your speech? \*



Never



Occasionally



Sometimes



Often



Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt unable to communicate with people properly? \*



Never

- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt ignored by people? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had painful muscle cramps or spasms \*


- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Had aches and pains in your joints or body? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Often
- The picture can't be displayed. Always

Due to having Parkinson's disease, How often during the last month have you... Felt unpleasantly hot or cold? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Occasionally

 Sometimes

 Often

 Always

### Pharmaceutical treatment for Parkinson's


This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers could help improve future treatments.

8. Did your first prescribed oral medication for Parkinson's contain levodopa? This includes: Co-careldopa (brand names: Caramet CR, Sinemet, Sinemet plus, Lecado) Benserazide (brand name: Madopar) Entacapone and co-careldopa (brand name: Stalevo) Mucuna pruriens \*


 Yes


 No


 Don't know


 Prefer not to say


9. How long after you were diagnosed with Parkinson's were you first prescribed a therapy containing levodopa? \*


 Within the first year

 1-2 years after diagnosis

 3-4 years after diagnosis

 5 or more years after diagnosis

 I have never used levodopa

 Prefer not to say

10. Which oral medications(s) are you currently taking (in the past 12 months) or did you take in the past (more than 12 months ago) for Parkinson's? If you stopped using these medications, what was your reason? Please select an answer from the drop down menu for each group of medications. \*

Levo-dopa

Co-careldopa (brand names: Caramet CR, Sinemet, Sinemet plus, Lecado)

Benserazide (brand name: Madopar)

Entacapone and co-careldopa (brand name: Stalevo)

Dopamine agonists

Pramipexole (brand names: Mirapex, Mirapexin, Sifrol)

Ropinirole (brand name: Requip XL)

Rotigotine (brand name: Neupro)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)

I have never taken these drugs

Used to take, but they have stopped working for me

Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction

Used to take, but had a problem wearing off

Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription

Other (please describe in comments below)

I prefer not to say

I currently take (in the past 12 months)

I have never taken these drugs

Used to take, but they have stopped working for me

Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction

Bromocriptine (brand name: Parlodel)  
Cabergoline (brand names: Cabaser, Dostinex)  
Pergolide (brand names: Permax, Prascend)  
Piribedil (brand names: Trivastal, Pronoran, Clarium)  
Apomorphine (brand name: APO-go)

Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

COMT inhibitors  
Entacapone (brand name: Comtan)  
Tolcapone (brand name: Tasmar)  
Opicapone (brand name: Ongentys)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)  
I have never taken these drugs  
Used to take, but they have stopped working for me  
Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction  
Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

MAO-B inhibitors  
Rasagiline (brand name: Azilect)  
Selegiline hydrochloride (brand names: Eldepryl, Selgene, Apo-selegilin)  
Safinamide (brand name: Xadago)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)  
I have never taken these drugs  
Used to take, but they have stopped working for me  
Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction  
Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

Anticholinergics  
Orphenadrine (brand name: Norflex)  
Procyclidine (brand name: Kemadrin)  
Trihexyphenidyl (brand names: Benzhexol, Artane, and Trihex)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)  
I have never taken these drugs  
Used to take, but they have stopped working for me  
Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction  
Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

Amantadine (brand name: Symmetrel)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)  
I have never taken these drugs  
Used to take, but they have stopped working for me  
Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction  
Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

Rivastigmine (brand name: Exelon)

I currently take (in the past 12 months)  
I have never taken these drugs  
Used to take, but they have stopped working for me  
Used to take, but they have had an adverse reaction  
Used to take, but had a problem wearing off  
Used to take, I don't know why my doctor changed my prescription  
Other (please describe in comments below)  
I prefer not to say

If you selected other, please describe the reason below.

11. Do you take generic medicines when these are available? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Always
- The picture can't be displayed. Most of the time
- The picture can't be displayed. Sometimes
- The picture can't be displayed. Never
- The picture can't be displayed. Don't know
- The picture can't be displayed. Prefer not to say

12. Have you ever taken part in a clinical trial for a new treatment for Parkinson's? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Yes, I am currently
- The picture can't be displayed. Yes, in the past
- The picture can't be displayed. No, but I would like to
- The picture can't be displayed. No, and I would not like to
- The picture can't be displayed. Prefer not to say

13. What is the name of the experimental drug or treatment? \*

**Out-of-pocket costs for Parkinson's medication**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

14. Do you pay out of your own pocket for medicines, vitamins or supplements to treat Parkinson's symptoms? \*

- The picture can't be displayed. Yes
- The picture can't be displayed. No
- The picture can't be displayed. I don't know
- The picture can't be displayed. Prefer not to say

15. In the past 3 months, approximately how much have you spent out of your own pocket on medicines, vitamins and supplements used to treat Parkinson's symptoms? Please do not include medicines, vitamins or supplements that you take for other reasons \*

	£0	<£10/month	£10-£50/month	£51-£100/month	£101-200/month	>£200/month	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Prescribed medicines								
Medicines without prescription (over the counter)								
Vitamins/supplements								

16. Please enter the names of any medications, vitamins and supplements that you have paid for (with your own money) in the last 3 months to treat Parkinson's symptoms.

Medication, vitamin or supplement

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

If more than 10, please include details here

**Specialist**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

17. In the past 12 months, have you seen a specialist consultant (e.g. neurologist, geriatrician)? \*

Yes



No



Prefer not to say

18. In the past 12 months, how many times have you seen a specialist consultant (e.g. neurologist, geriatrician)? \*

Please select the number of times (in the past 12 months)

19. In the past 12 months, did you pay for a specialist consultant (e.g. neurologist, geriatrician)? \*



I paid the full cost



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know



Prefer not to say

20. In the past 12 months, how much did you pay for one visit to a specialist consultant (e.g. neurologist, geriatrician)? (£/GBP) \*

**GP/Family Doctor**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

21. In the past 12 months, have you seen a General Practitioner (GP) or Family Doctor? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

22. In the past 12 months, how many times have you seen a General Practitioner (GP) or Family Doctor? \*

Please select the number of times (in the past 12 months)

23. In the past 12 months, did you pay for a General Practitioner (GP) or Family Doctor? \*



I paid the full cost



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know





Prefer not to say

24. In the past 12 months, how much did you pay for one visit to a General Practitioner (GP) or Family Doctor? (£/GBP) \*

### Physiotherapy

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

25. In the past 12 months, have you seen a physiotherapist? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

26. In the past 12 months how many times have you seen a physiotherapist? \*

Please select the number of times (in the past 12 months)

27. In the past 12 months, did you pay for a physiotherapist? \*



I paid the full cost



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know



Prefer not to say

28. In the past 12 months, how much did you pay for one visit to a physiotherapist? (£/GBP) \*

### Mental health services

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

29. In the past 12 months, have you used mental health services? (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor) \*



Yes, psychiatrist



Yes, psychologist



Yes, counsellor or therapist



No



Prefer not to say

30. In the past 12 months, how many times have you used mental health services? (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor etc.) \*

Please select the number of times (in the past 12 months)

31. In the past 12 months, did you pay for mental health services? (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor) \*



I paid the full cost



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know



Prefer not to say

32. In the past 12 months, how much did you pay for one mental health service visit? (e.g. psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor) (£/GBP) \*

### Other health services

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

33. In the past 12 months, did you use the services listed below? \*

	How many times?	How much did you pay each visit? (£/GBP)
Primary care/general practice nurse	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Specialist Parkinson's disease nurse	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Occupational therapist	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Speech/language therapist	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Which other health service did you use? Please don't enter hospital visits here.

### Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

34. Did you attend an Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department in the last 12 months? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

35. What was the reason for your first attendance? (If you attended more than once, you can enter information about other attendances next.) \*



Heart issues (heart attack, heart failure)



Stroke



High blood pressure



Fall



Chest infection (pneumonia)



Skin infection



I don't know



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

36. Did you pay out of your own pocket for the Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department attendance? \*



I paid full



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know



Prefer not to say

37. How much did you pay for the Accident & Emergency (A&E) department attendance? (£/GBP) \*

38. Did you have another Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department attendance in the last 12 months? \*



Yes



No

39. What was the reason for your second attendance? \*



Heart issues (heart attack, heart failure)



Stroke



High blood pressure



Fall



Chest infection (pneumonia)



Skin infection



I don't know



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

40. Did you pay out of your own pocket for the Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department attendance? \*



I paid full



I paid some



I did not pay



I don't know



Prefer not to say

29. Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department

Please answer all of the questions on this page about the second attendance.

41. How much did you pay for the Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department attendance? (£/GBP) \*

42. Did you have another Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department attendance in the last 12 months? \*



Yes



No

43. Please list the reasons for any more emergency department attendances below - one admission per line.

	Reason	How much did you pay out of your own pocket? (£/GBP)
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Reason	How much did you pay out of your own pocket? (£/GBP)
7	
8	
9	
10	

### 32. Hospital admissions

44. Have you been admitted to hospital in the last 12 months? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

### Hospital admissions

Please answer all of the questions on this page about one hospital stay. You can enter information about other hospital stays next.

45. What was the reason you were admitted? (If you went to hospital more than once, you can enter information about other attendances next.) \*



Heart issues (heart attack, heart failure)



Stroke



High blood pressure



Fall



Chest infection (pneumonia)



Skin infection



I don't know



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

How many nights did you stay in hospital? \*

If more than 10 nights, enter the number below.

46. Did you pay out of your own pocket for the hospital admission? \*



Yes, I paid full



Yes, I paid some



No



I don't know



Prefer not to say

47. How much did you pay? (£/GBP) \*

48. Did you have another hospital admission in the last 12 months? \*



Yes



No

49. What was the reason you were admitted? \*



Heart issues (heart attack, heart failure)



Stroke



High blood pressure



Fall



Chest infection (or pneumonia)



Skin infection



I don't know



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

50. How many nights did you stay in hospital? \*

If more than 10 nights, enter the number below.

51. Did you pay out of your own pocket for the hospital stay? \*



Yes, I paid full



Yes, I paid some



No



I don't know



Prefer not to say

66. Please list any more hospital stays below - one admission per line. Do not repeat information you have entered in the previous pages.

	Number of nights (if you did not stay overnight, write "day")	Reason for admission	How much did you pay out of your own pocket? (£/GBP)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

**Supportive services**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's. Your answers may help to improve services.

67. Over the past 3 months, how many times have you used or received the following services? \*

Never/less than once a month

Once a month

Once a fortnight (two weeks)

Once or twice a week

3-4 times per week

5-7 times per week

Prefer not to say

Nursing assistance at your home



	Never/less than once a month	Once a month	Once a fortnight (two weeks)	Once or twice a week	3-4 times per week	5-7 times per week	Prefer not to say
Other home assistance (provided by a paid caregiver, but not a nurse)							
Overnight assistance at your home (provided by a paid caregiver, but not a nurse)							
Attendance at a day centre							
Social event or meal							

68. Approximately how much have you or your family spent out of your own pocket on these services (for you) in the past 3 months? (£/GBP) \*

	No cost	£1-20/month	£21-£50/month	£51-100/month	£101-£200/month	>£200/month	Prefer not to say
Nursing assistance at your home							
Overnight assistance at your home (provided by a paid caregiver, but not a nurse)							
Other home assistance (not provided by a nurse)							
Attendance at a day centre							
Social event or meal							

69. If a paid caregiver comes to your home, how many hours per week did they spend with you, on average, during the last 3 months? Select 0 if paid caregivers did not come to your home. \*

Number of hours per week on average

Nurse

Other paid caregiver (not a qualified nurse)

**Costs of aids and devices**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

70. In the past 3 months, did you or a friend or relative pay for aids or devices out of your/their own pocket? This includes walking frames, grab bars, stair lift, wheel chair, tablet alarms and incontinence products. \*





Yes



No



Don't know



Prefer not to say

71. How much did the aid or device you/your friends/relatives bought in the last 3 months cost? (£/GBP). This includes walking frames, grab bars, stair lift, wheel chair, tablet alarms and incontinence products.

	Name of aid/device	Cost (£/GBP)
Item 1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 6	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 7	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 8	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 9	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Item 10	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Travel expenses**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

72. During the past 3 months, have you, your friends or relatives spent any additional money on travel because of Parkinson's? This may include taxis, car park fees, public transport or any other form of travel, for example, in order to attend specialist appointments \*



Yes, £1-50/month



Yes, £51-100/month



Yes, £101-200/month



Yes, >£200/month



No travel costs



I don't know



Prefer not to say

### Other expenses

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

73. Have you, your care-partner, family or relatives had any other expenses (not listed in previous questions) that are related to Parkinson's? Leave blank if you have not had any other expenses.

Item	Cost in £ in the last 3 months
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

### Impact of Parkinson's on employment

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

74. Are you currently in paid employment? \*



Yes



No (Including retired)



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify - e.g. on sick/carer leave):

75. Did you retire from full time work early due to your Parkinson's disease? \*



Yes, and Parkinson's disease was the main reason that I retired early



Yes, and Parkinson's disease was a factor, but was not the main reason I retired early



No, Parkinson's disease did not cause me to retire early



Prefer not to say

76. How many hours did you work in a typical week, immediately prior to retiring? \*



Up to 10 hours per week



11-20 hours per week



21-30 hours per week



31-40 hours per week



More than 40 hours per week



Prefer not to say

77. In a typical week, how many hours do you work? \*



Up to 10 hours per week



11-20 hours per week



21-30 hours per week



31-40 hours per week



More than 40 hours per week



Prefer not to say

78. Have you reduced your hours in the last 12 months due to Parkinson's? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say

79. How many fewer hours do you work now compared with 12 months ago? \*



Reduced by <5 hours per week



Reduced by 5-10 hours per week



Reduced by 11-15 hours per week



Reduced by 16-20 hours per week



Reduced by more than 20 hours per week



I still work the same number of hours per week



Prefer not to say

80. In the past 12 months have you reduced the number of hours that you spend on daily activities due to Parkinson's disease? Daily activities include shopping, gardening, cooking and driving, but not paid work. \*



No, I still spend the same amount of time on daily activities



Yes, reduced by <5 hours per week



Yes, reduced by 5-10 hours per week



Yes, reduced by 11-15 hours per week



Yes, reduced by 16-20 hours per week



Yes, reduced by more than 20 hours per week



Prefer not to say

### Impact of Parkinson's on family relationships

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

81. Do you feel that Parkinson's has had an impact on your family relationships? This is in general, taking into consideration all aspects of your relationship. \*



Not at all



Slightly



Moderately



Very much



Extremely



Not applicable



Don't know



Prefer not to say

Any comments?

82. Do you feel that the impact of Parkinson's on your family relationships has changed as the disease has progressed? This is in general, taking into consideration all aspects of your relationship. \*



Not at all



Slightly



Moderately



Very much



Extremely



Don't know



Prefer not to say

Additional comments

**Other symptoms of Parkinson's**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

83. Have you experienced any of the problems below in the past month? Please provide an answer on every line. \*

	Yes	No
Dribbling of saliva during the daytime.		
Loss or change in your ability to taste or smell.		
Difficulty swallowing food or drink or problems with choking.		
Vomiting or feelings of sickness (nausea).		
Constipation (less than three bowel movements a week) or having to strain to pass a stool.		
Bowel (faecal) incontinence.		
Feeling that your bowel emptying is incomplete after having been to the toilet.		
A sense of urgency to pass urine makes you rush to the toilet.		
Getting up regularly at night to pass urine.		
Unexplained pains (not due to known conditions such as arthritis).		
Unexplained change in weight (not due to change in diet).		
Problems remembering things that have happened recently or forgetting to do things.		
Loss of interest in what is happening around you or in doing things.		
Seeing or hearing things that you know or are told are not there.		
Difficulty concentrating or staying focused.		
Feeling sad, 'low' or 'blue'.		
Feeling anxious, frightened or panicky.		
Feeling less interested in sex or more interested in sex.		
Finding it difficult to have sex when you try.		
Feeling light-headed, dizzy or weak standing from sitting or lying.		
Falling.		

Finding it difficult to stay awake during activities such as working, driving or eating.

Difficulty getting to sleep at night or staying asleep at night.

Intense, vivid or frightening dreams.

Talking or moving about in your sleep, as if you are 'acting out' a dream.

Unpleasant sensations in your legs at night or while resting, and a feeling that you need to move.

Swelling of the legs.

Excessive sweating.

Double vision.

Believing things are happening to you that other people say are not.

Yes

No



**Impulse control**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

84. Are any of the behaviours listed below an issue for you, or do others think that you have an issue? \*

Gambling (casinos, lotteries, internet gambling)



Sex (compulsive urges)



Buying too much or things you don't need



Eating too much



Taking too much of your Parkinson's medication or having trouble cutting down



Spending too much time on hobbies



**Sexual relationships**

This part of the survey is for the person with Parkinson's.

85. Do you want to answer the next question about your sexual relationships? The person with Parkinson's should answer the next question alone. You may skip this part of the survey if you would prefer not to answer. \*



Yes



No

86. In the past 4 weeks, because of your Parkinson's disease, how much of a problem for you were the following issues?

	Not a problem	Little of a problem	Somewhat of a problem	Very much a problem	Not applicable/don't know
Lack of sexual interest					
Unable to relax and enjoy sex					
Difficult in becoming sexually aroused					
Men only: Difficulty getting or keeping an erection					
Women only: Difficulty in having an orgasm					

**Thank you for your participation**

87. How did you hear about this survey? \*

- I received an email about it
- I saw it on social media
- I saw it on a website
- I received a flyer from a clinic/health service
- I received a flyer at an event
- Other (please specify):

88. Are you answering the survey alone or is there someone helping you? \*

- I'm alone
- There is someone helping me (who):

89. Thank you for your answers. The remaining questions are for your care-partner. If your care-partner is present, please select 'yes'. If your care-partner is only available later, please click 'Save and Continue Later'. If your care-partner does not wish to participate, please select 'no' to exit the survey \*

- Yes, I am a care-partner and would like to answer the care-partner questions
- No, I would like to end the survey

**PART 2: Care-partner survey**

This part of the survey is only for the primary care-partner looking after a person with Parkinson's.

90. What is your gender? \*

- Male



Female



Other



Prefer not to say

91. Please select your age range. \*

- Less than 18
- 18 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- 55 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75 – 84
- 85 and over
- Prefer not to say

92. What is your relationship to the person with Parkinson's? \*



Partner/spouse



Parent (mother/father)



Sibling (sister/brother)



Daughter/Son



Friend



Prefer not to say



Other (please specify):

93. In the past 3 months, on average, how many hours per week did you spend caring for the person with Parkinson's disease? This may include activities such as doctor appointments, shopping, cleaning, and driving. \*

94. Does the person with Parkinson's disease have other family/friends/acquaintances to help them? \*



Yes



No



Don't know



Prefer not to say

95. In the past 3 months, on average, about how many hours per week does each person (other than you) spend caring for the person with Parkinson's disease? \*



Number of hours per week

Family members

Friends

Paid nurse

Other paid caregiver (not a nurse)

96. The following questions must be only completed by the care-partner. All information provided will be kept strictly anonymous and confidential. Now, thinking about your experiences caring for a relative/friend with Parkinson's. Please answer never, rarely, sometimes, quite frequently or nearly always for each statement. \*

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always/nearly always
Do you feel that your relative asks for more help than he/she needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that because of the time you spend with your relative that you don't have enough time for yourself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel stressed between caring for your relative and trying to meet other responsibilities for your family or work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel embarrassed over your relative's behaviour?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel angry when you are around your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that your relative currently affects your relationships with other family members or friends in a negative way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you afraid what the future holds for your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel your relative is dependent on you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel strained when you are around your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel your health has suffered because of your involvement with your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that you don't have as much privacy as you would like because of your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that your social life has suffered because you are caring for your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel uncomfortable about having friends over because of your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that your relative seems to expect you to take care of him/her as if you were the only one he/she could depend on?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that you don't have enough money to take care of your relative in addition to the rest of your expenses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel that you will be unable to take care of your relative much longer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel you have lost control of your life since your relative's illness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you wish you could leave the care of your relative to someone else?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you feel uncertain about what to do about your relative?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you feel you should be doing more for your relative?

Do you feel you could do a better job in caring for your relative?

Overall, how burdened do you feel in caring for your relative?

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Often

Always/nearly always



97. Has your relationship with the person with Parkinson's suffered because of their illness? This is in general, taking into consideration all aspects of your relationship. \*



Not at all



Slightly



Moderately



Very much



Extremely



Not applicable



Don't know



Prefer not to say

If you would like to provide any details, enter below

Empty text box for providing details.

98. Do you feel that the impact of Parkinson's on your relationship has changed as the disease has progressed? This is in general, taking into consideration all aspects of your relationship. \*



Not at all



Slightly



Moderately



Very much



Extremely



Not applicable



Don't know



Prefer not to say

If you would like to provide any details, enter below

99. Please confirm that you are a partner to a person with Parkinson's to ensure you are eligible for the next question which is of a personal nature. \*



Yes, I am a partner of a person with Parkinson's disease



No, I am not a partner of a person with Parkinson's disease



I do not wish to answer questions of a personal nature.

100. Has your sexual relationship with the person with Parkinson's suffered because of their illness? \*



Yes



No



Prefer not to say



Not applicable

If you would like to provide any details, enter below

## Appendix 2. Patient advocacy groups

Country	Patient advocacy group
France	Fédération Française des Groupements de Parkinsoniens (FFGP)
France	CEPAC
Italy	European Parkinson Therapy Centre

Italy	Accademia LIMPE-DISMOV
Spain	Federación Española de Parkinson
Spain	Hospital Clínico Universitario Santiago de Compostela
Spain	Jefe de Unidad de Enfermedades Neurodegenerativas en Hospital Ramón y Cajal. Madrid
Spain	L'Associació Catalana per al Parkinson (ACAP)
Spain	Párkinson Galicia-Coruña
Spain	Asociación de Parkinson de Ávila
Spain	la Asociación Parkinson Madrid
Spain	Párkinson Ourense
Spain	La Asociación de Parkinson de Villarrobledo
Spain	Department of Neurology, Complejo Hospitalario de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain
Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Doentes de Parkinson
Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Doentes de Parkinson (APDPk)
Germany	JuPA
Germany	PARKINSONLINE e.V.
Germany	Parkinson Unna
Germany	Centrum für Neuropsychologische Diagnostik und Intervention (CeNDI)
Germany	HAAG: KLINIKEN KREIS MÜHL DORF A. INN
UK	The Cure Parkinson's Trust
UK	Parkinson's UK