Statistics on Parkinson's

Who Has Parkinson's?

- As many as one million Americans live with Parkinson's disease, which is more than the combined number of people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy and Lou Gehrig's disease.

- Approximately 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's disease each year, and this number does not reflect the thousands of cases that go undetected.

- An estimated seven to 10 million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease.

- Incidence of Parkinson's increases with age, but an estimated four percent of people with PD are diagnosed before the age of 50.

- Men are one and a half times more likely to have Parkinson's than women.

What Does Parkinson's Cost?

- The combined direct and indirect cost of Parkinson's, including treatment, social security payments and lost income from inability to work, is estimated to be nearly $25 billion per year in the United States alone.

- Medication costs for an individual person with PD average $2,500 a year, and therapeutic surgery can cost up to $100,000 dollars per patient.

What's Next?

Now that you have learned the basic of Parkinson's, what's next? Browse some of the resources below to ensure you have the most up-to-date information on Parkinson's and disease management.

- Browse PDF's upcoming online seminars
- Order PDF's educational publications
- Check our community calendar for educational events
- Utilize the "Living with Parkinson's" section of the website to get involved in the community