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#### Hello research supporter

Happy new year! At the beginning of each month we put together a roundup of all the latest research developments, events, opportunities and other news that we hope will be of interest to our research supporters.

# **Research news**

## Promising results for a new liquid form of levodopa

A recent clinical study, by Neuroderm, has highlighted the development of a new liquid form of Parkinson's drug levodopa. Read more – <a href="http://bit.ly/1xMiQfP">http://bit.ly/1xMiQfP</a>

New research: exercise improves mobility and quality of life

Researchers have found exercise improves mobility and quality of life but can't stop falls in people with Parkinson's. Read more – <a href="http://bit.ly/1BOGyqR">http://bit.ly/1BOGyqR</a>

Our chief executive Steve Ford looks back on 2014

Steve Ford (pictured below) our chief executive reflects on all the great things we have achieved thanks to your support in 2014. Read more - <a href="http://bit.ly/149CaaT">http://bit.ly/149CaaT</a>



# **Get involved**

### Watch: Can be spoke treatments improve life with Parkinson's?

On 6 November 2014, we held a lecture at the world famous Royal Institution on how our current research is leading us towards a new era of personalised treatment for Parkinson's that could be crucial to finally finding a cure. Watch our videos to find out about the latest advances in this field of research –

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#### www.parkinsons.org.uk/rilecture2014

Take part: A commercial researcher is looking for a carer of an individual with Parkinson's who has had deep brain stimulation to share their experiences by taking part in a 3 day online project. This individual will be reimbursed £175 for their time. If you are interested please contact Sue Morrison, M3 Global for further information on 07932 997432.

## Help us take the work of the RSN to the next level!

Don't forget to share with us your experiences of research; this information will be vital in informing our work over the coming year. Your thoughts and experiences are vital to the work that we do so please take 5-10 minutes to fill out this brief survey - http://svy.mk/1yJXxgH

## Other research highlights

- Study shows new liquid Parkinson's drug is able to maintain steady levels of levodopa in the blood <a href="http://bit.ly/1AAJw5J">http://bit.ly/1AAJw5J</a>
- Watch Dr Patrick Lewis' webinar discussing his research 'Using genetics to understand Parkinson's http://bit.ly/1I1Ctnf

## **Next steps**

Please circulate this roundup to members of your Parkinson's UK local group, Parkinson's nurse, family and friends who might be interested.

### Not a member of our Research Support Network? Join us!

Keep up to date with all the latest research news, events and opportunities to take part and help shape research. **Sign up here** – <a href="http://bit.ly/rsnsignup">http://bit.ly/rsnsignup</a>

Very best wishes,

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We achieved so much in 2014 thanks to our supporters and everyone involved with the charity. Here are some of the highlights.

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