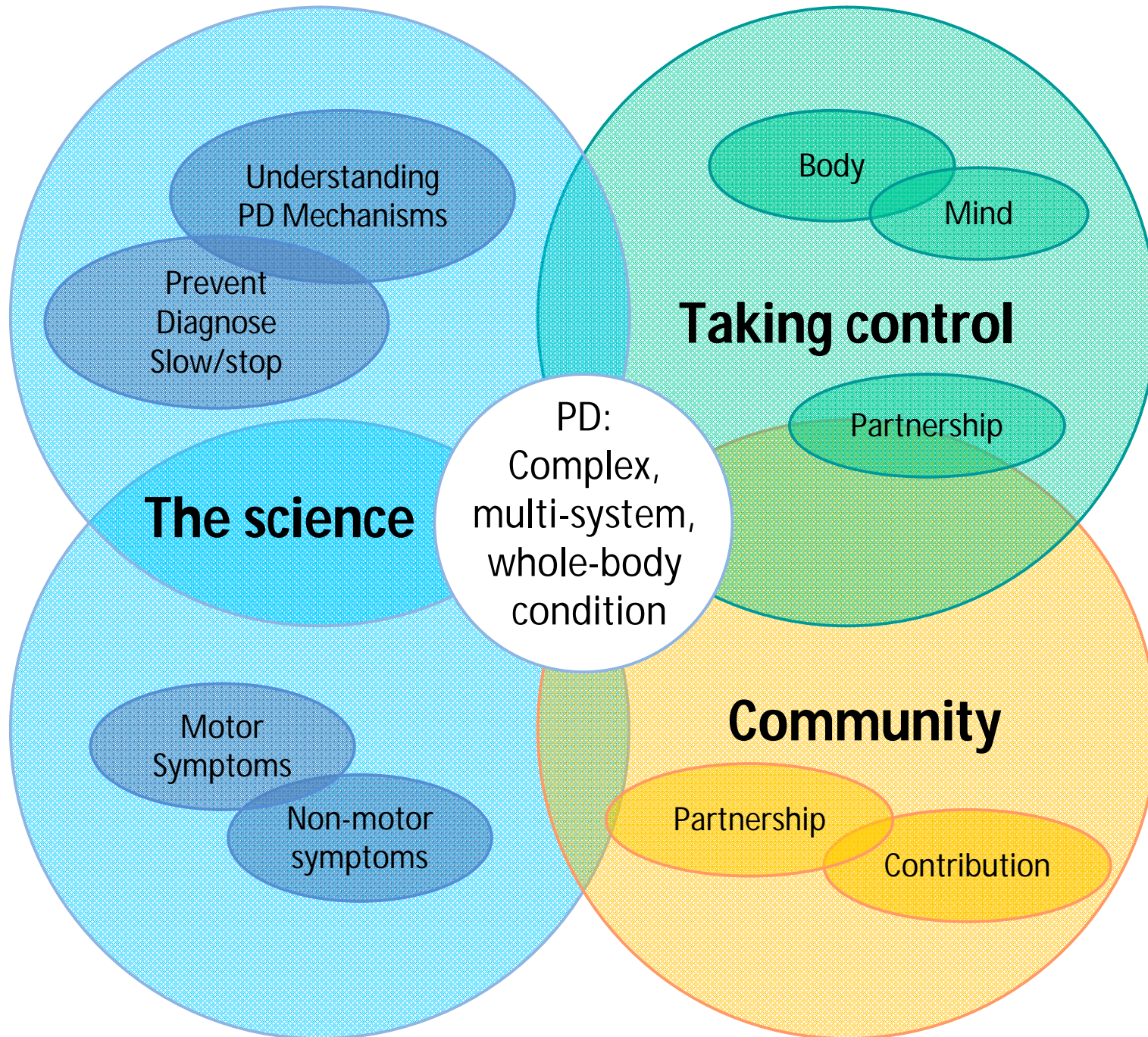
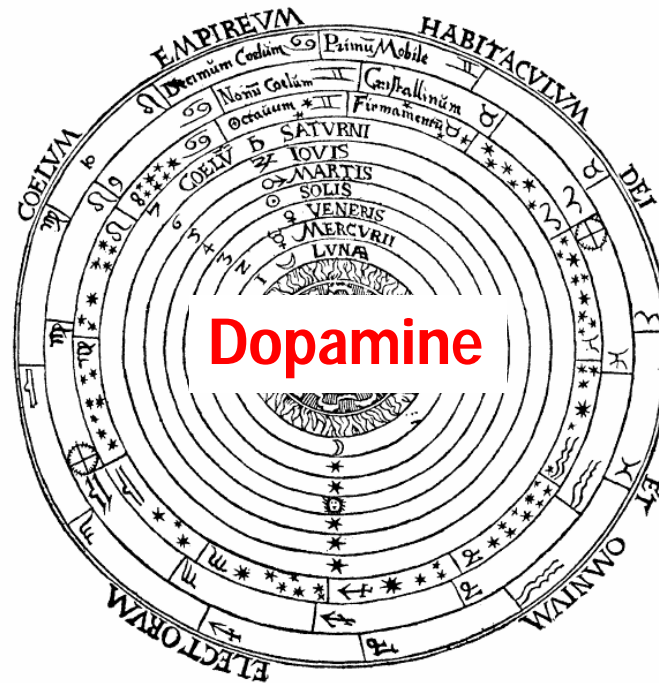


Understanding them, dealing with them, thriving beyond them

NON-MOTOR SYMPTOMS (MOSTLY!)

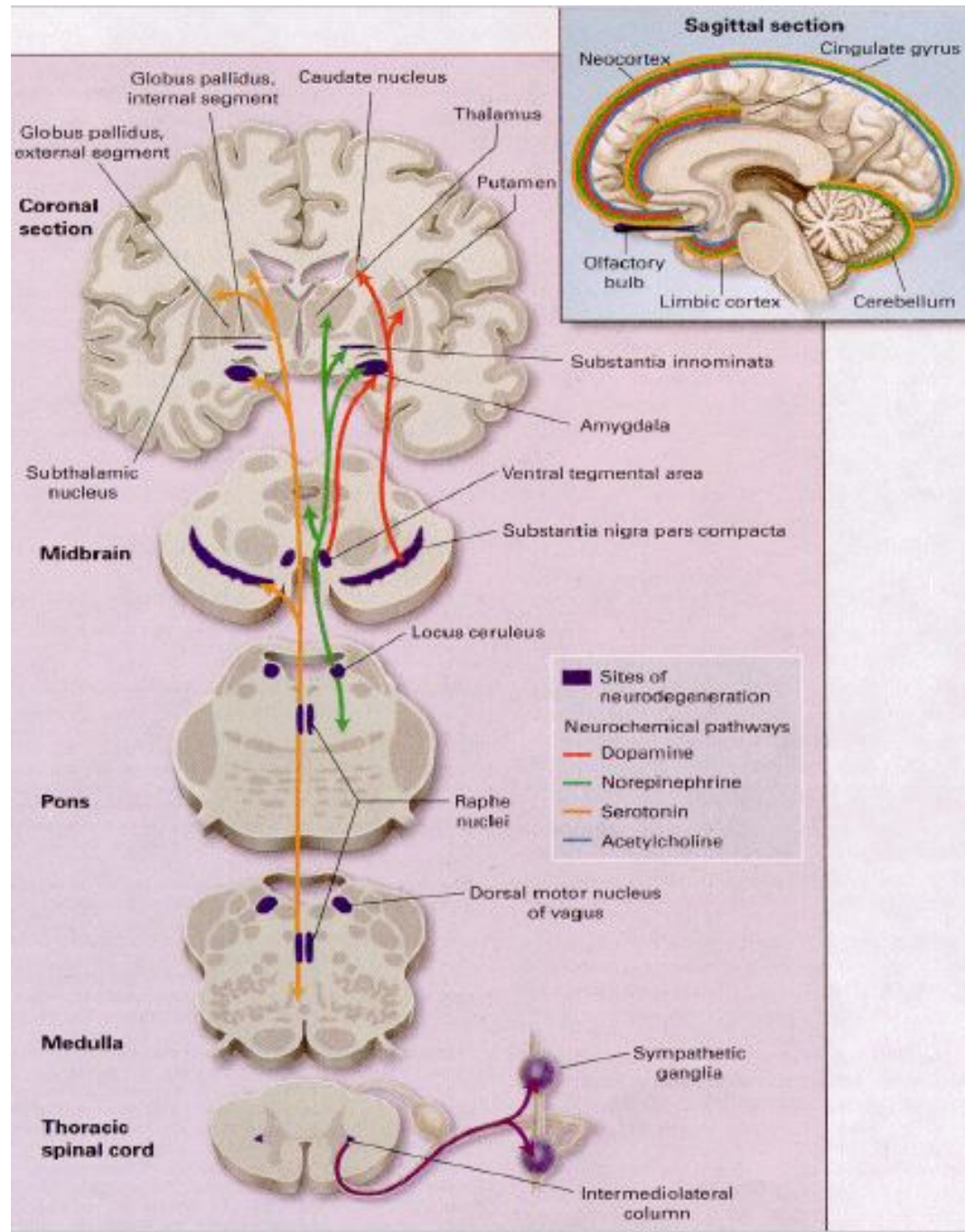
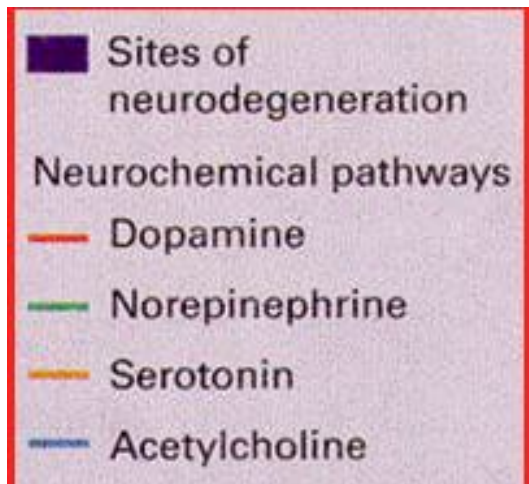


Beyond Dopamine



Ptolemaic View of the
Universe: Earth at the centre

Halliday et al *Movement Disorders* 2014



Source: Anthony Lang slides

Deficiency in Dopamine + 3



Motor symptoms

Dopamine:

- Slowness, freezing, tremor

Serotonin:

- Dyskinesias

Acetylcholine:

- On freezing

(Noradrenaline)

Non-motor symptoms

Dopamine:

- Depression, apathy, pain, RLS

Serotonin:

- Depression, apathy, fatigue

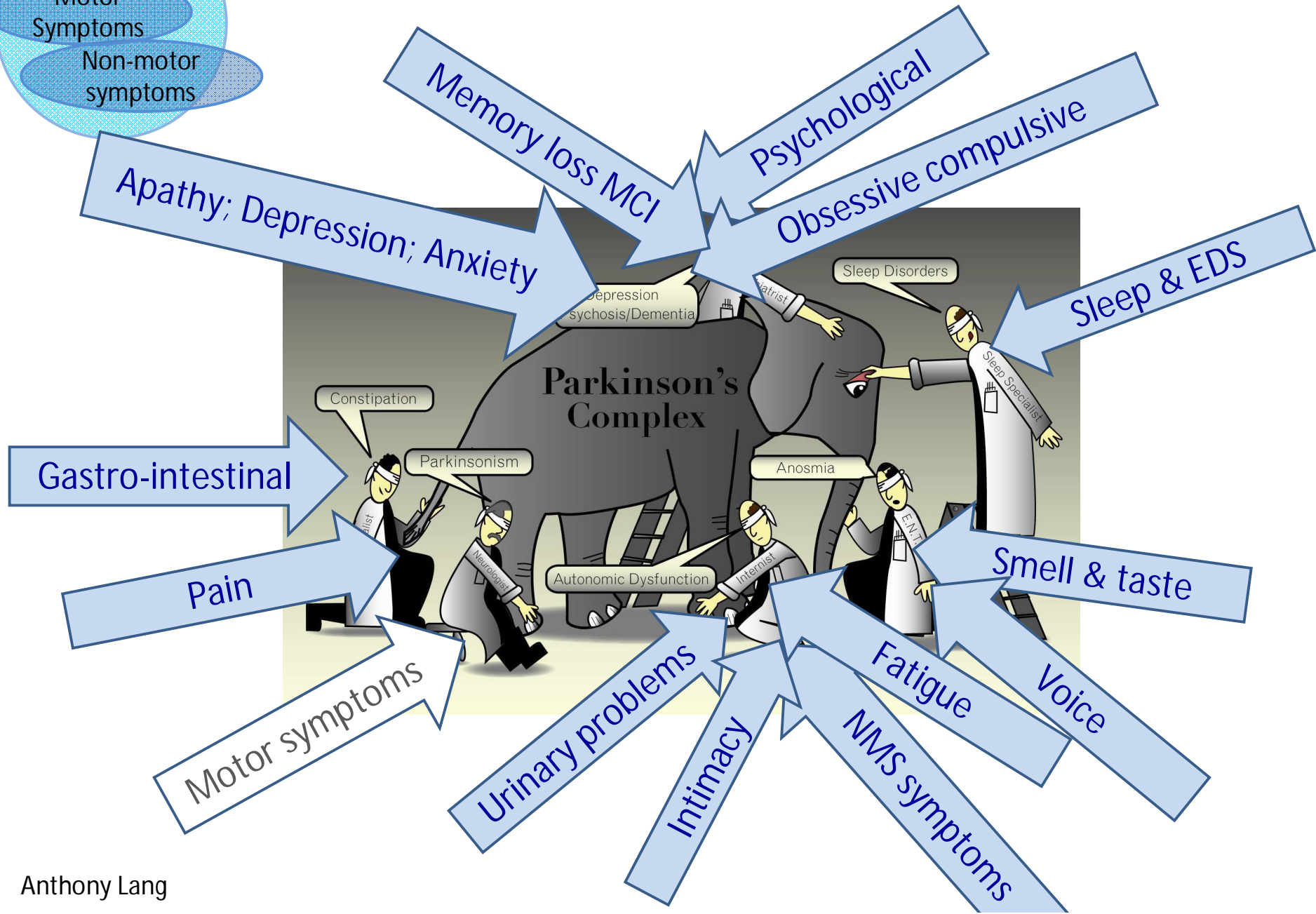
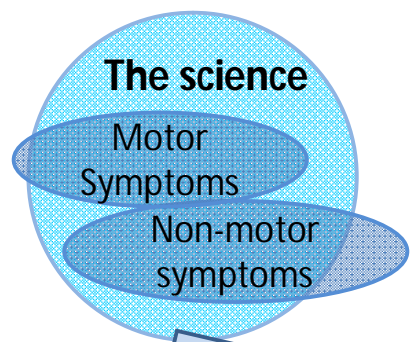
Acetylcholine:

- MCI (mild cognitive impairment)
- Dementia


Noradrenaline:

- Autonomic dysfunctions
- Sleep

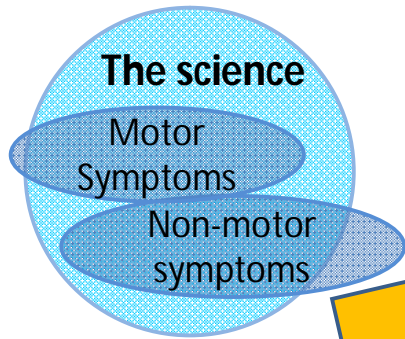
(Some!) Non-motor symptoms



NMS Impact

- Non-motor symptoms have “a strong impact on patients quality of life and caregiver’s burden (CB)”
- “Non-motor symptoms can remain undeclared by patients due to misconception or embarrassment, for example, and undetected by doctors due to lack of a systematic search.”

Measuring and evaluating NMS



Just some of the.....

TABLE 2. Domains included

Number	Domain	
1	Gastrointestinal tract	
2	Urinary tract	
3	Sexual function	
4	Cardiovascular	
5	Apathy/attention/memory	
6	Hallucinations/delusions	2
7	Depression/anxiety/anhedonia	2
8	Sleep/fatigue	5
9	Pain (unrelated to other causes)	1
10	Miscellaneous (e.g., diplopia, weight loss)	3

Non-motor symptoms questionnaire

This questionnaire should be completed and **given to your GP, specialist or nurse at your next appointment.** Please **do not** return it to Parkinson's UK.

Name: Date: Age:

Centre ID: Male Female

Have you experienced any of the following in the last month?

All the information you supply through this form will be treated with confidence and will only be used for monitoring purposes. Your personal data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Developed and validated by the International PD Non Motor Group.

Non-movement problems in Parkinson's

The movement symptoms of Parkinson's are well known. However, other problems can sometimes occur as part of the condition or its treatment. It is important that the doctor knows about these, particularly if they are troublesome for you.

No NMS measures until 2004

The Three Amigos of Nonmotor Dysfunction



The Four Horsemen of Nonmotor Dysfunction



Sleep: Excessive Daytime Sleepiness & Rapid Eye Movement



Falling asleep at the wheel: Motor vehicle mishaps in persons taking pramipexole and ropinirole

S. Frucht, J. D. Rogers P. E. Greene, M. F. Gordon, S. Fahn, Neurology 1999

EDS: *“Tendency to fall asleep, or nod-off during daytime without prior planning to go to sleep”*

Possible treatments:

- Adjust PD medication
- Reduce/eliminate sedating medications
- Treat night time problems
- Prescribe stimulant medications

REM Sleep: The mechanism that separates the brain from the muscles during sleep doesn't work properly – hence 'dream enactment'



Fatigue

“Difficulty initiating or sustaining physical or mental voluntary activity” is present in around 30-60% of PD patients



Fatigue

"A sense of exhaustion unexplained by drug effects, other medical or psychiatric disorders, and associated with other fatigue-related symptoms, such as reduced motivation and non-restorative rest, or constraints on activities."

Friedman JH, et al. NPJ Parkinsons Dis 2016;2:.doi:10.1038/npjparkd.2015.25

Types of Fatigue

- Physical
 - A feeling of physical exhaustion & decreased energy for physical tasks or activities
- Cognitive (mental)
 - Struggling to start and sustain mental tasks
- Fatigability
 - Muscle loses strength with repeated contraction



Treatments

- Often improves with exercise (Friedman 2013)
- Protein at lunchtime helps (Zwickey)

Apathy

Apathy is NOT depression

Emotional (withdrawing from people)

Cognitive (mental)

Auto-activation (getting going)

"Patients' and caregivers' QoL decreases, increasing CB."

Treatments:

Psychotherapy (including CBT)

Exercise ("dopamine-eliciting activities")

Drugs (e.g., pramipexole, ropinirole)

(May appear or increase after STN-DBS)

Caregiver comments

- Not the same
- More and more lazy
- Does nothing unless pushed
- Does not start things or finish them
- Just sits alone all day and does nothing
- Very quiet – has nothing to say
- No curiosity or initiative
- Does not show any emotions
- Stares blankly at the TV all day
- No interests or enthusiasm
- Has become a couch potato

Does not care about anything anymore

Depression

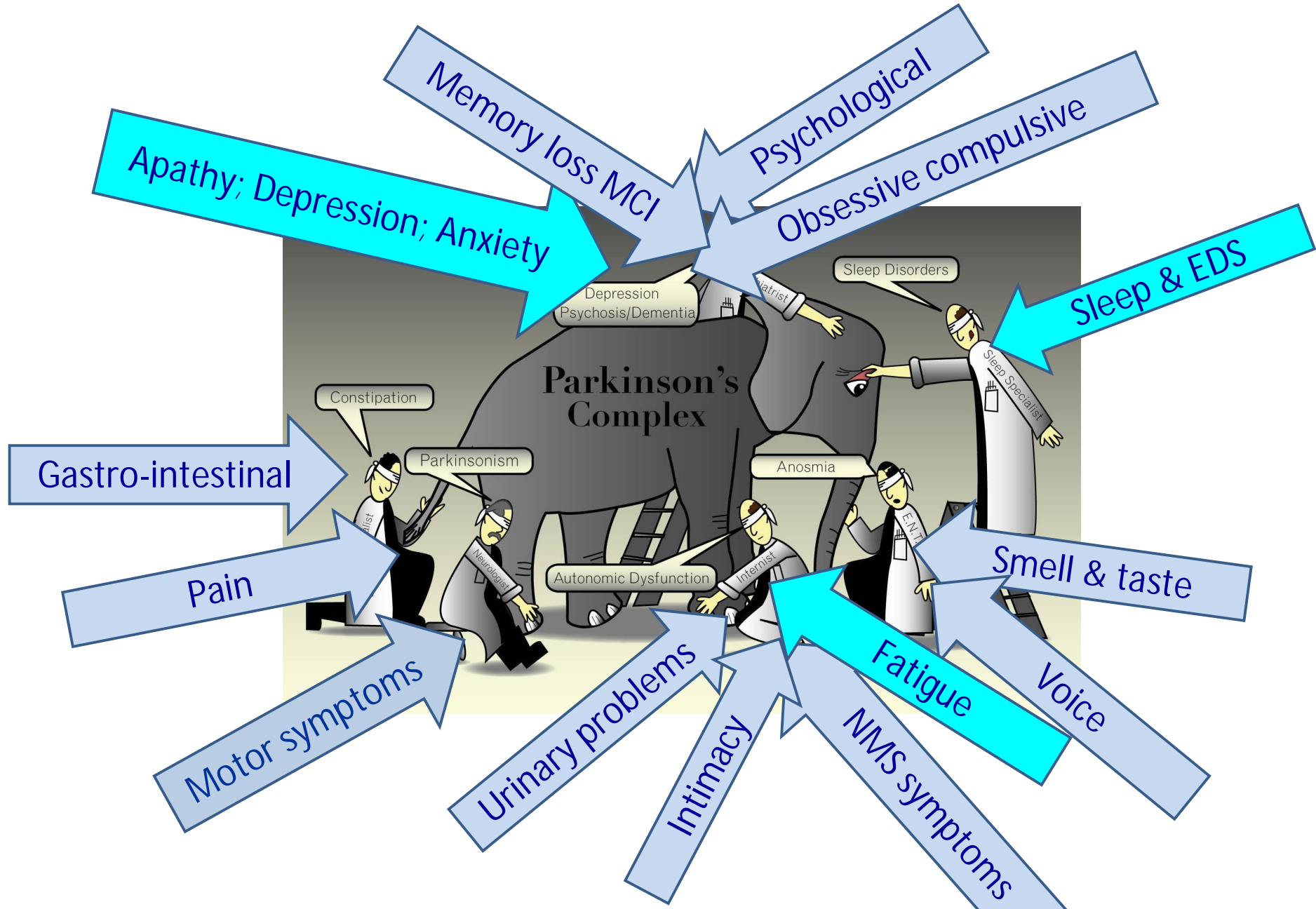
Non-pharmacological treatment

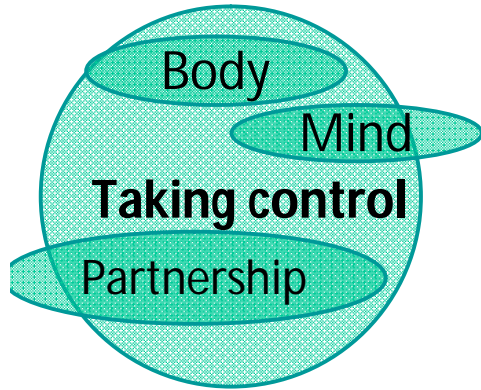
- CBT & psychotherapy
 - Increasing meaningful and social activities
 - Exercise
 - Problem solving for physical limitations
 - Light therapy
 - Caregiver participation matters
- Conclusion: “Your mood is one critical aspect of living with PD that you can control!”



Inspiring

And all the rest.....





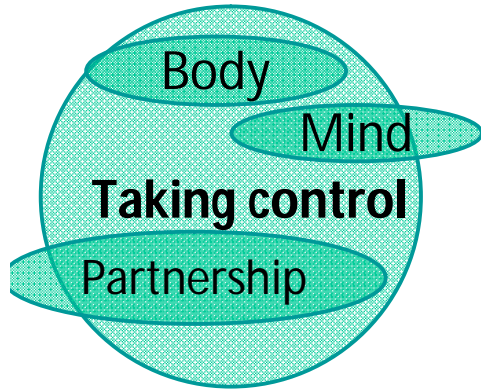
What can we do in partnership?

Health professionals, PWWs & Care Partners

Moving from passive recipient to active participant

- Our bodies
- Our minds & emotions
- Our lives

☀ *Exercise* ☀ *Nutrition* ☀ *Attitude* ☀
Community



Exercise works for NMS

(and motor as well!)



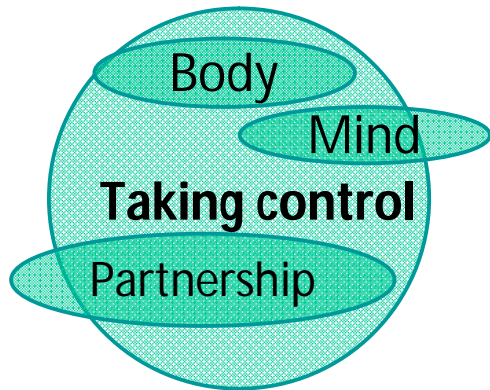
Physical

- Fatigue
- Gastro-intestinal
- Blood sugar levels
- Voice
- Heart and lungs

Cognitive, mental, & emotional

- Depression
- Apathy
- Anxiety





Exercise
AT ALL LEVELS
Gentle as well
as strenuous:
eg gardening,
housework,
shopping

Let's Get Moving

- Skills-based learning
- Aerobic
- Strengthening
- Resilience

Tai Chi
Pilates
Dance
Walking

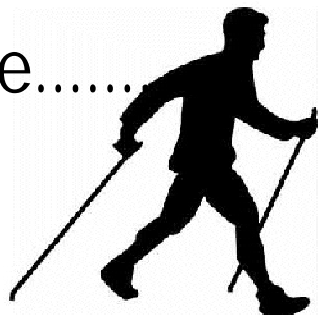
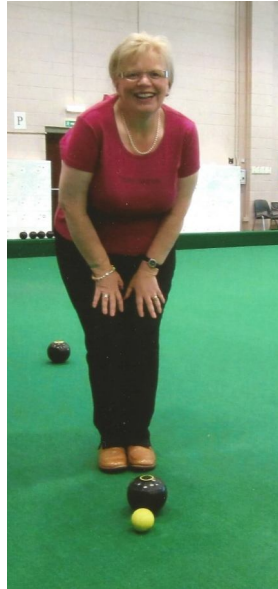
- Those with PD who exercise regularly (>150 minutes per week):
 - Higher quality of life
 - Better mobility and physical function
 - Less disease progression over one year
 - Less cognitive decline over one year
 - Less care partner burden

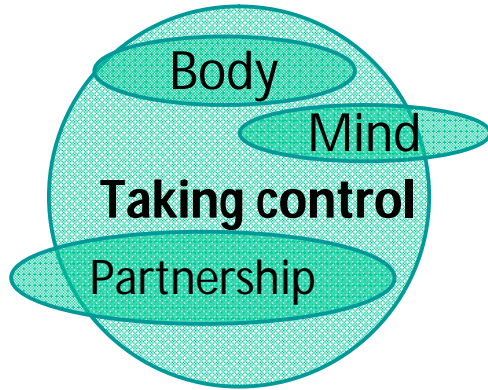


Exercise works.....even better when done in company!

**EDINBURGH BRANCH
PARKINSON'S UK**

Singing
Swimming
Aquafit
Bowls
Gentle exercise
classes
and many more.....





Nutrition: Why is this topic important?

Health professionals, PWPs & Care Partners

- Proper and appropriate nutrition may play an important part in:
 - Preventing PD
 - Medical therapies for PD
 - Slowing the progression of PD
 - Counteracting malnutrition



Medical Nutrition Theory: How & Why?

PD Affects

Whole body

- Brain
- Systemic inflammation
- Digestive system
- Blood glucose

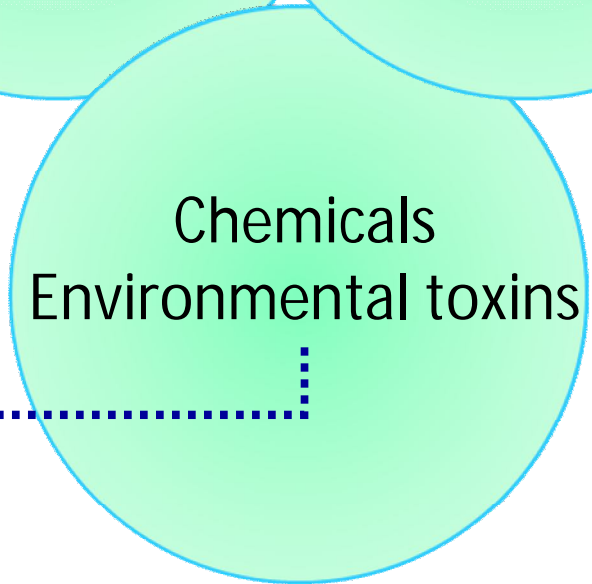
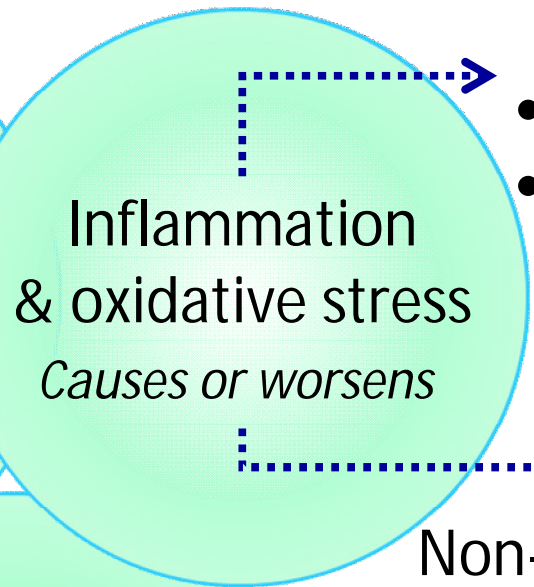
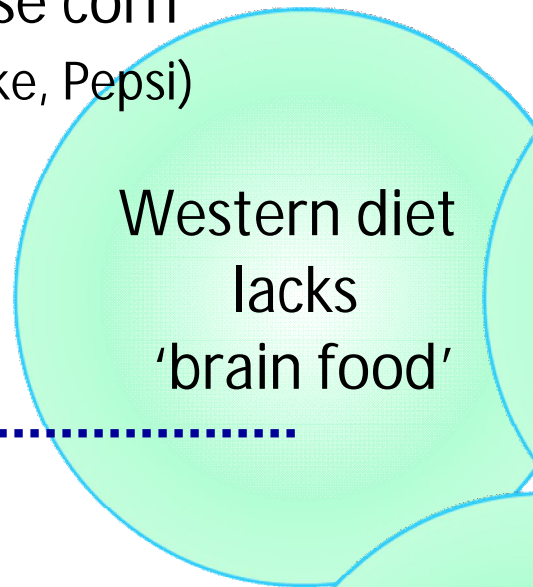
Nutrition Addresses

Whole body

- Neuronal health
- Systemic inflammation
- Oxidative stress
- Chemical toxicity
- Microflora
- Blood glucose

Inflammatory foods

- High fructose corn syrup (eg Coke, Pepsi)
- Sugar
- Trans-fats (fried food)



Motor symptoms

- Bradykinesia (slowness)
- Gait
- Restless leg syndrome

Non-motor symptoms

- Fatigue
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Hostility
- Malaise
- Pain

- Pesticides
- PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls)
- Heavy metals
- Solvents
- Air pollutants
- Neuro-toxins (Eg Artificial Sweeteners)

Nutrition and Malnutrition in PD: Prevalence, Importance & Ramifications

Prospective study of dietary pattern and risk of Parkinson disease¹⁻³

Xiang Gao, Honglei Chen, Teresa T Fung, Giancarlo Logroscino, Michael A Schwarzschild, Frank B Hu, and Alberto Ascherio

Methods:

Two large cohorts:

Health Professionals Follow-up Study (HPFS) = 51,529 males

Nurses' Health Study (NHS) = 121,700 females

Dietary intakes

"Western Diet"



Red meat



potatoes



Refined grains



pizza



French fries



eggs



mayonnaise



margarine

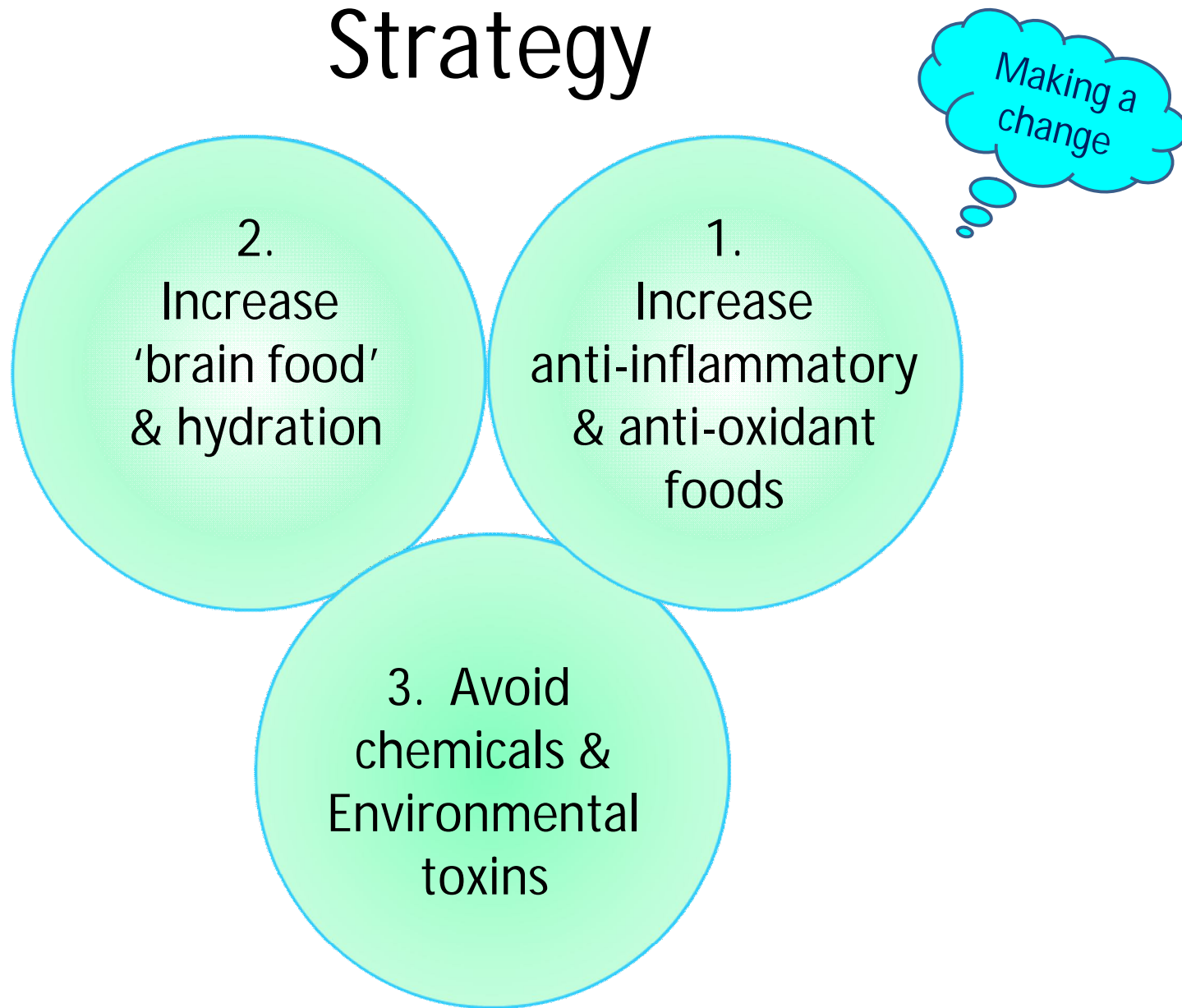


Desserts and sweets

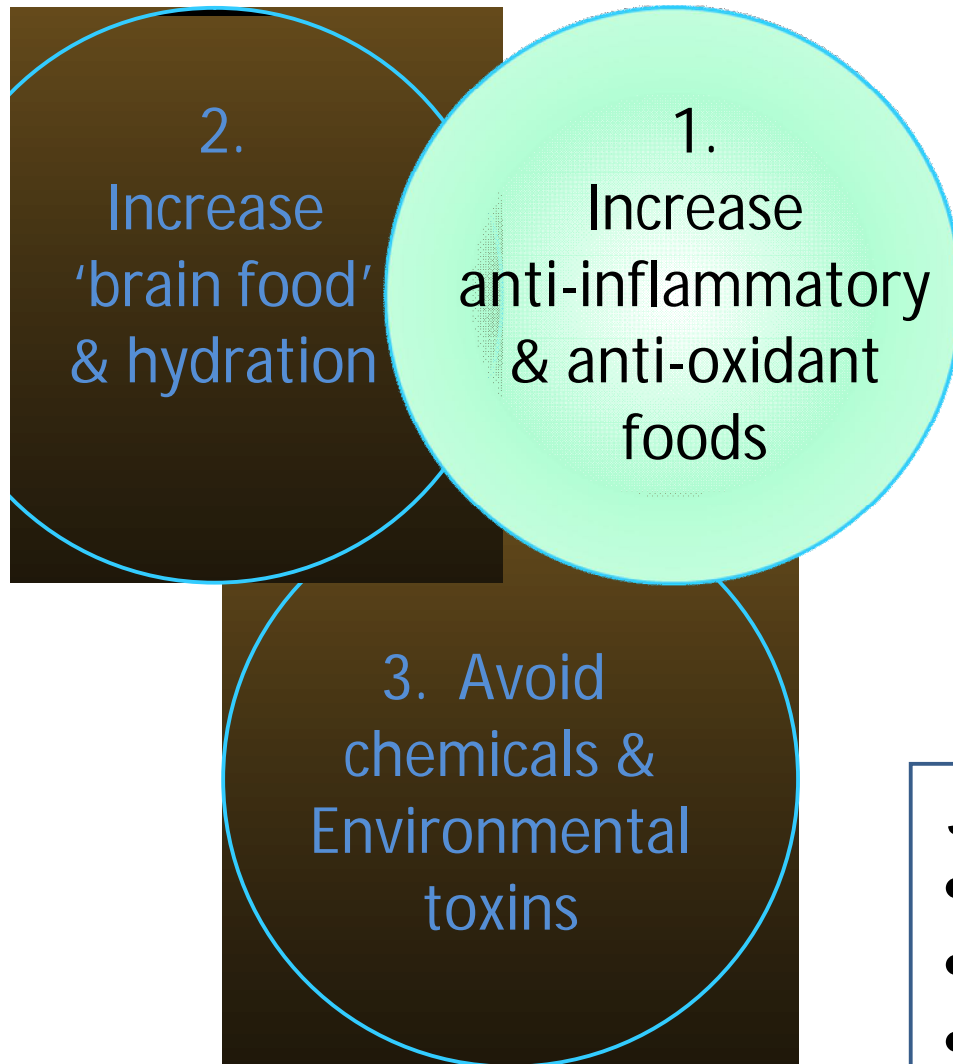
What CAN we eat?



Strategy



Strategy



Berries & citrus fruits
Nightshade family

- Tomato
- Aubergine
- Peppers

Spices (especially)

- Curcumin
- Cinnamon
- Rosemary
- Turmeric

Oily fish

Fibre & dark green veg.

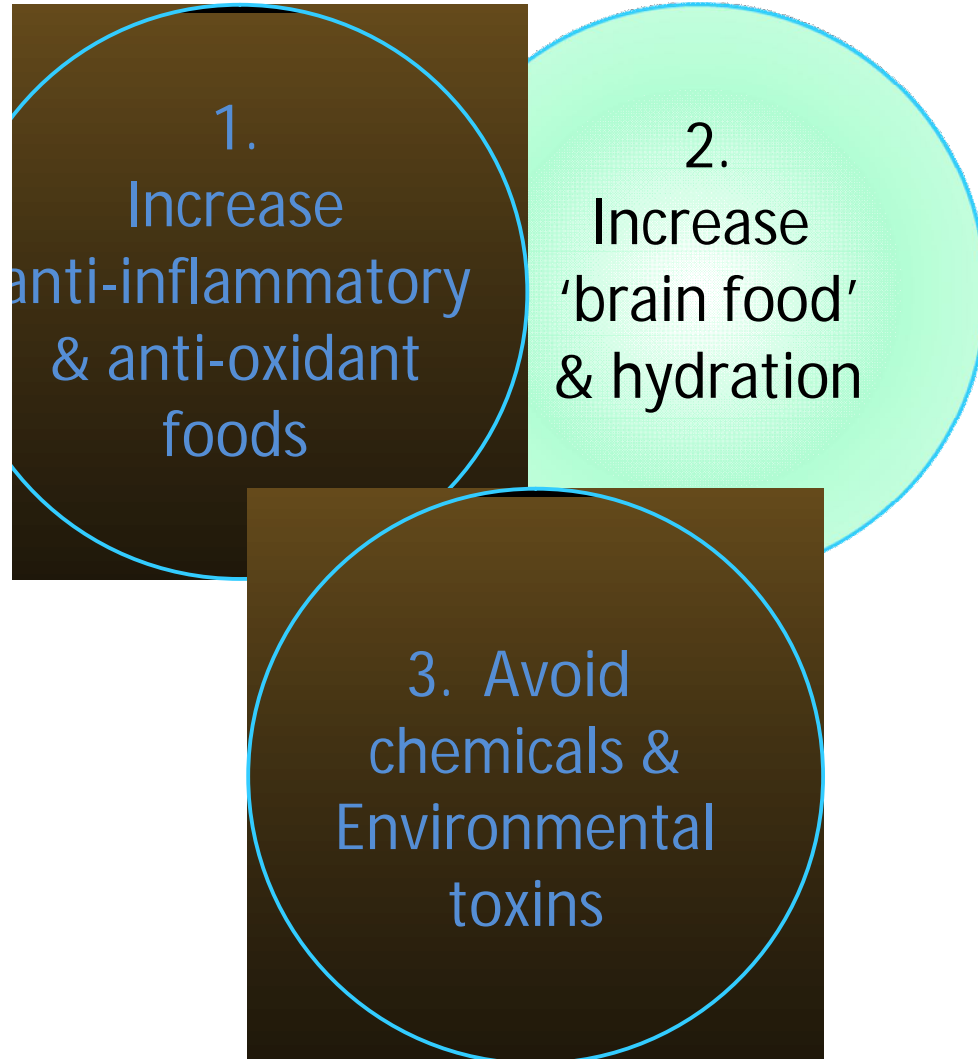


Supplements

- Vitamins B12, D, C, A
- Ginseng
- Spirulina
- CoQ10
- Glutathione



Strategy



Water – 8 glasses per day

Caffeine

Red wine (NOT white)

Green tea

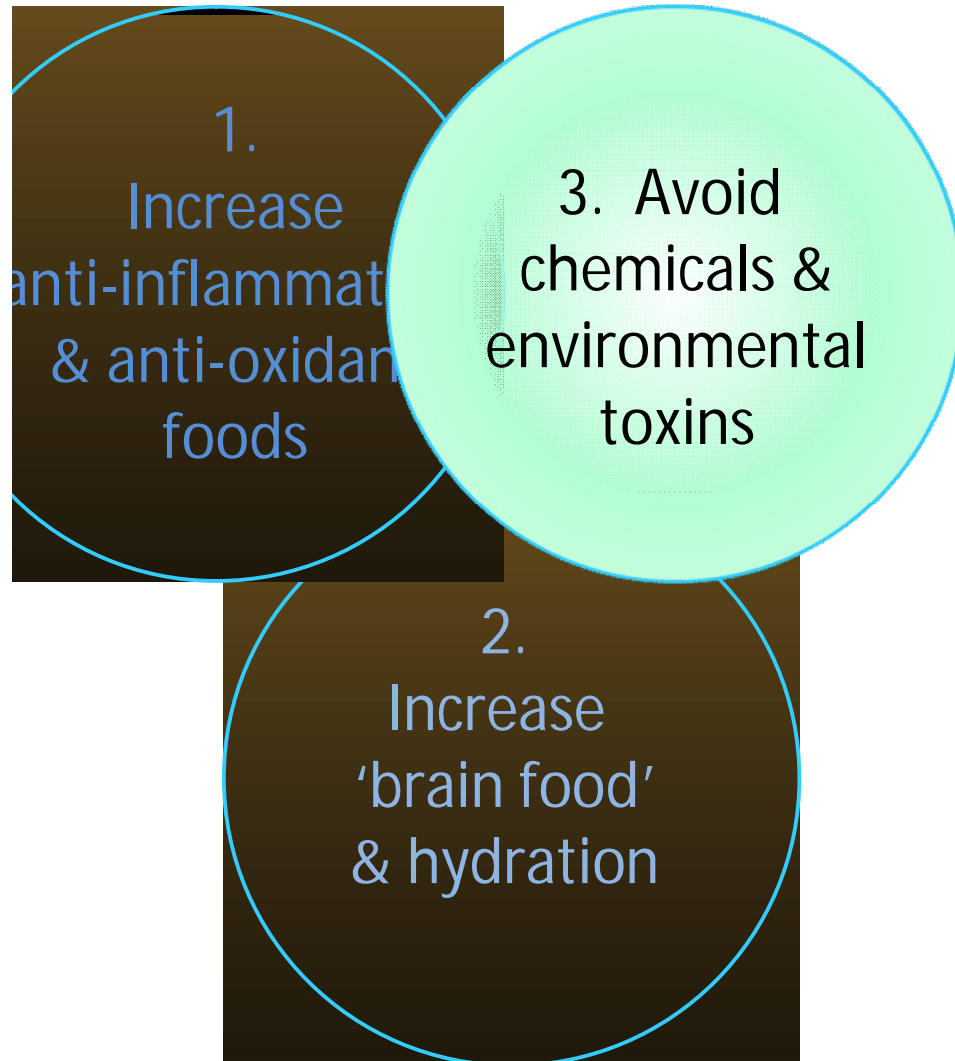
Nuts – Brazil nuts, walnuts

Cook with

- Fish oil
- Olive oil
- Coconut oil



Strategy



Buy organic:

Wash other fruit & veg

Limit milk and dairy

(breaks down uric acid)

Avoid some fish (mercury)

Use eco-household cleaners

Don't cook in aluminium

Don't use pyrethroid

insecticides

"Prudent Diet"



fish



poultry



legumes



Leafy vegetables



Other vegetables



Whole grains



tomatoes



garlic



Olive oil



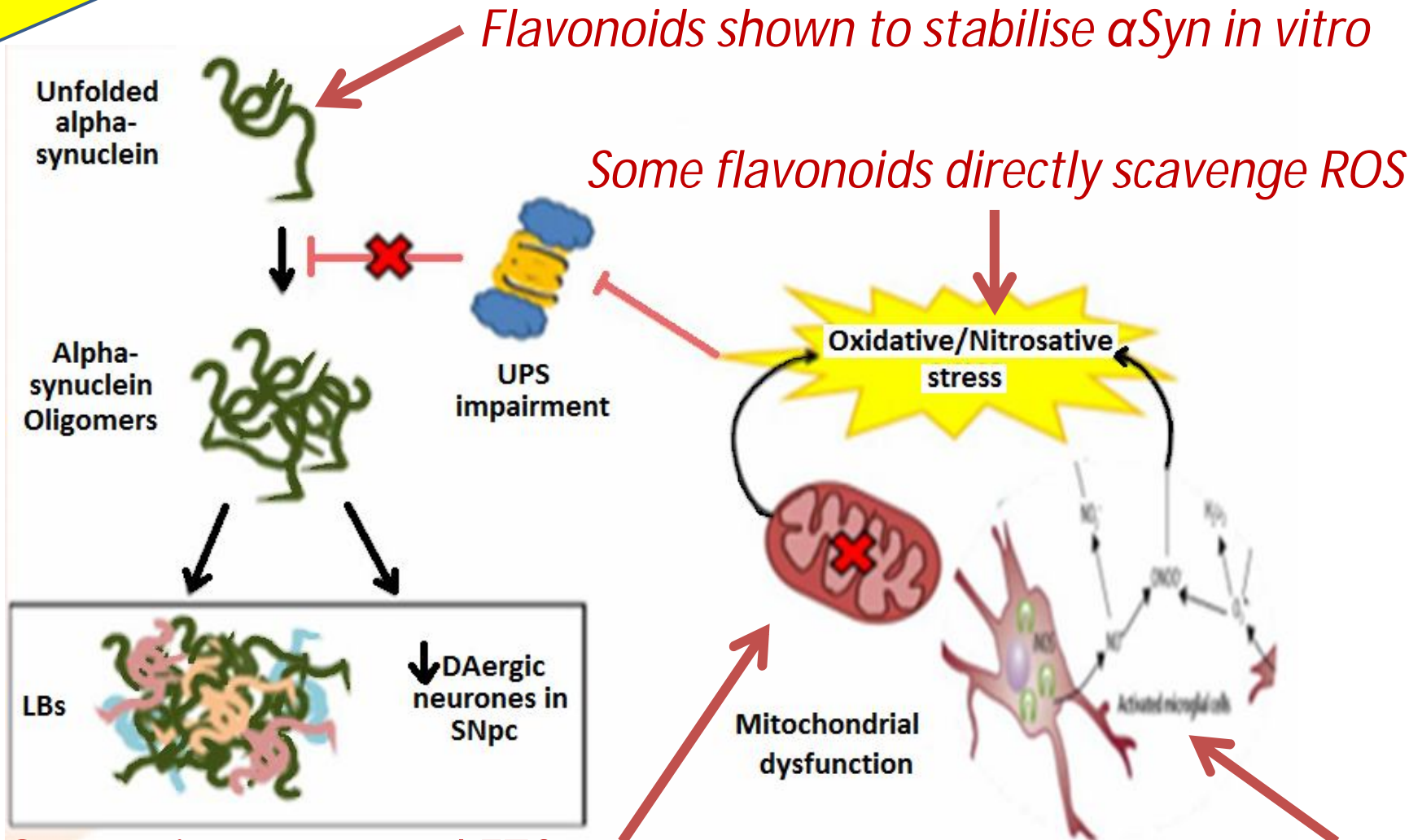
"Improved nutritional status is related to improved quality of life in Parkinson's Disease"

Why do plant chemicals work?

Phytochemicals protect plants

- Stimulate passive immune systems
- Anti-bacterial and anti-fungal responses
- Anti-oxidants
- Repair cell damage

New-to-us information



Flavonoids shown to stabilise α Syn in vitro

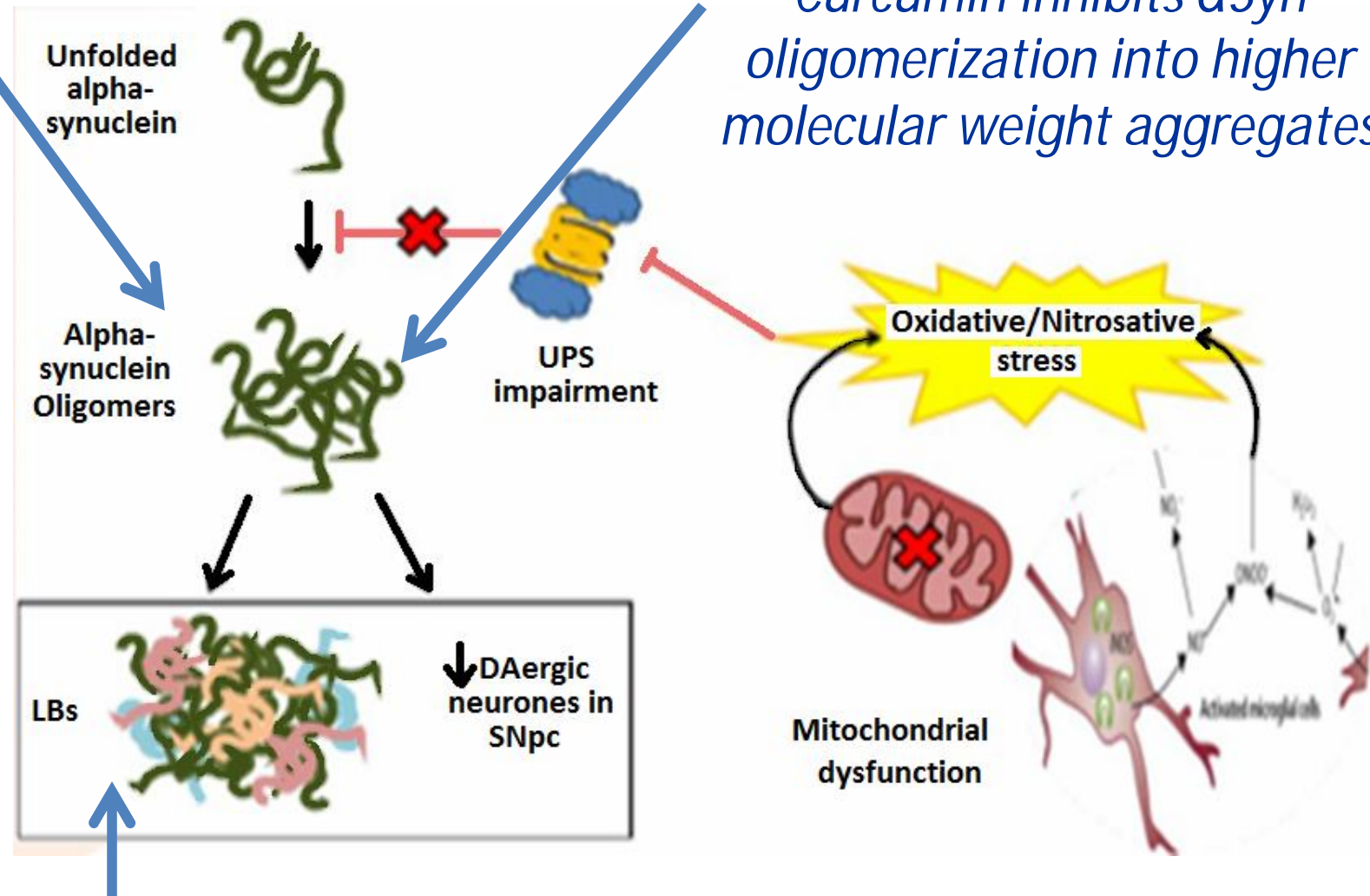
Some flavonoids directly scavenge ROS

Quercetin augmented ETC complex 1 in rotenone treated rats

Flavonoids inhibit inflammation by inhibiting NO & cytokines

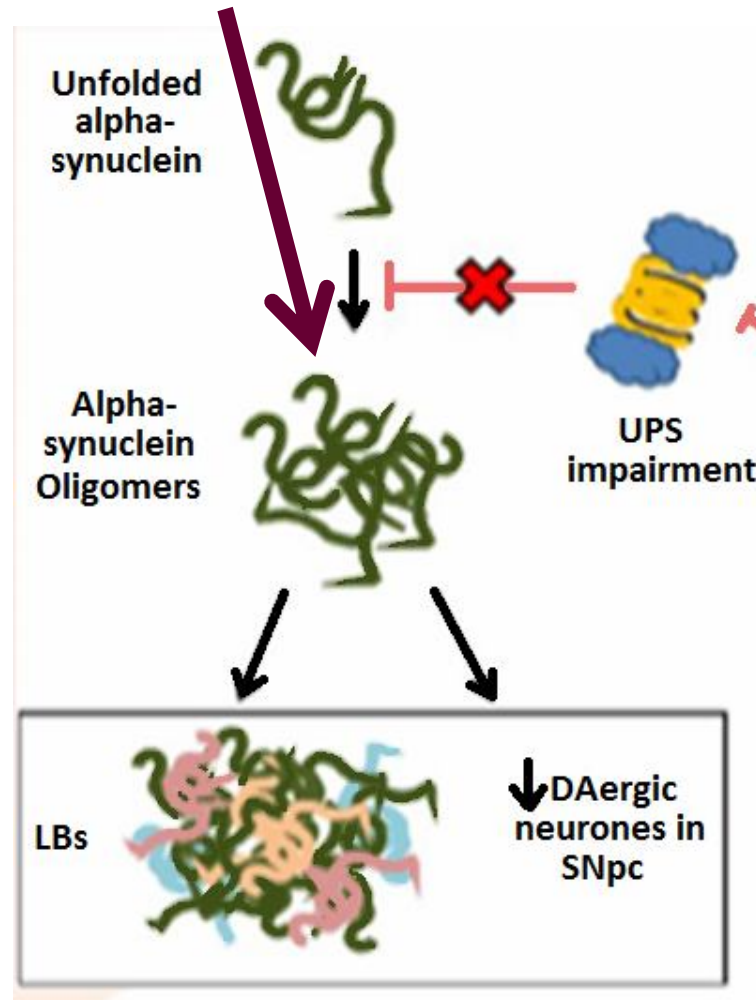
EGCG converts large α Syn aggregates into small non-toxic ones

Curcumin inhibits α Syn oligomerization into higher molecular weight aggregates



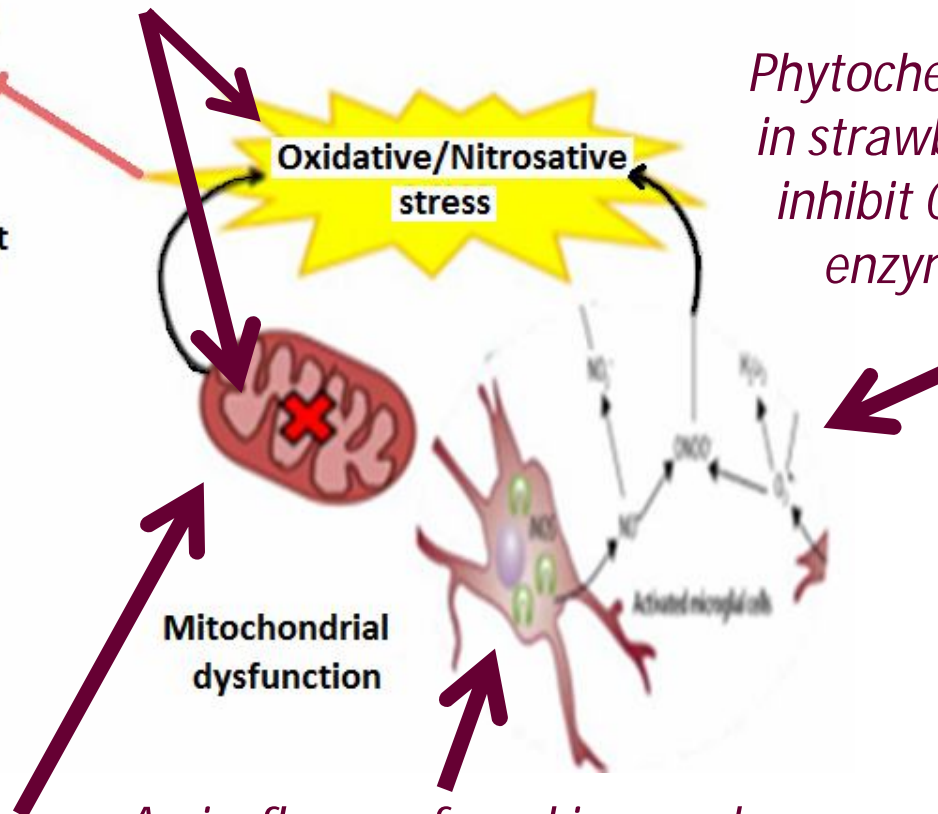
mTOR inhibition results in increased autophagy that may help to clear α Syn aggregates. Caffeine, curcumin and resveratrol inhibit mTOR

L-ergothioneine protects against protein accumulation



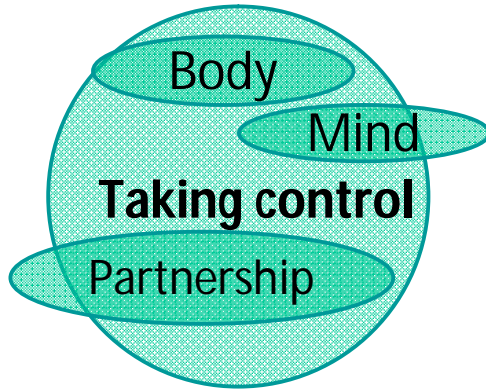
Curcumin scavenges free radicals and protects mitochondria against reactive nitrogen species

Phytochemicals in strawberries inhibit COX-2 enzymes




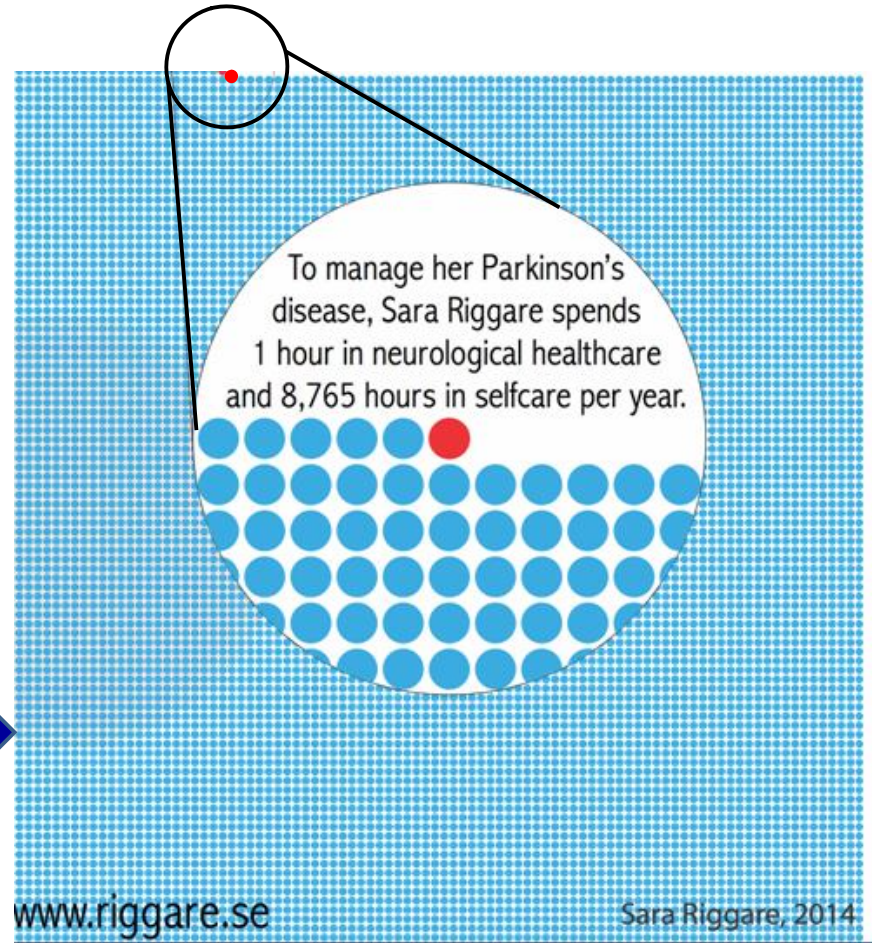
L-ergothioneine protects mitochondria against oxidative stress

An isoflavone found in soya beans protects dopaminergic neurones by inhibiting microglia activation

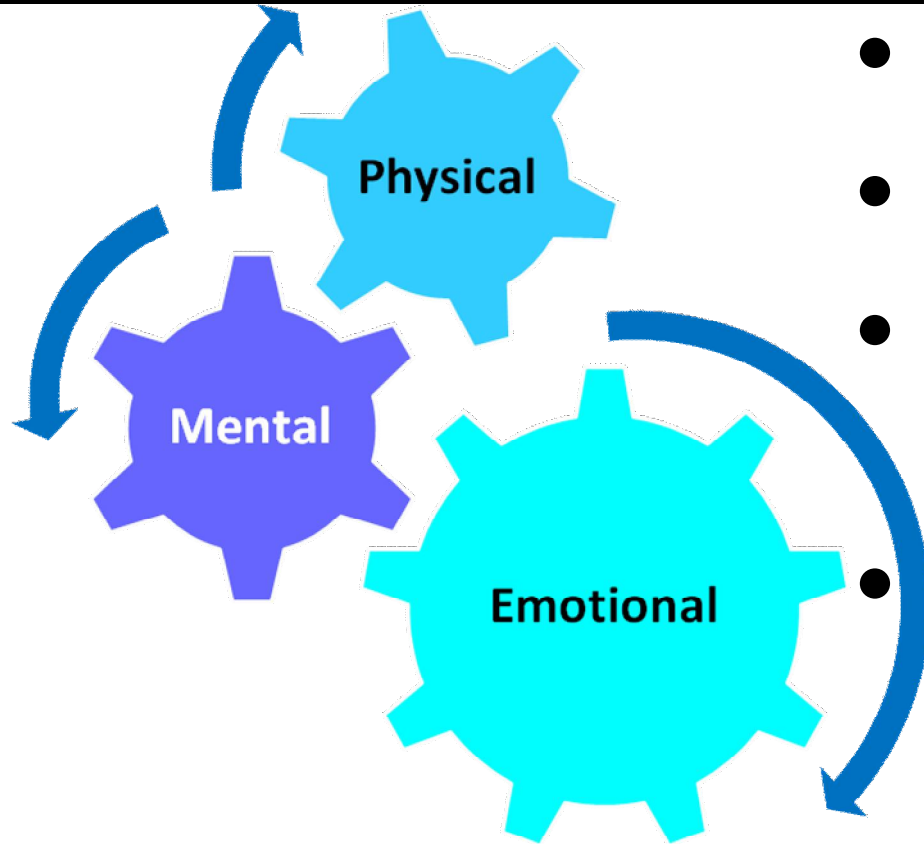


Taking control of our lives: Why?

- Managing our PD is 50% the medication, and **50% up to us** (Petzinger)
- Making the most of those 8,765 hours 



Taking control of our lives: How?



- The choices we make
- Our day-to-day lives
- The stories we tell ourselves and others
- The stories we listen to – and the ones we don't

Brian Grant

Anger, depression, denial, loneliness

“What am I doing?”

- Doing the Man Thing
- Cursing
- Embracing my new best friend who I hate
- Embracing it as a blessing – good for me, good for those around me
- Give back to the community



Jane Busch: 5 keys for self-care

1. Nutrition

2. Supplements

3. Exercise

4. Mindfulness

- Paying attention non-judgementally, moment to moment, appreciating others
- We cannot change the past – *put it on the raft and let it float off down the river*
- Who knows what the future will bring “Live NOW!”

5. Volunteering

- Volunteers are healthier, happier & build stronger relationships

Bob Kuhn:

"We have complete control over one thing: our attitude"

Choosing a positive attitude gives:

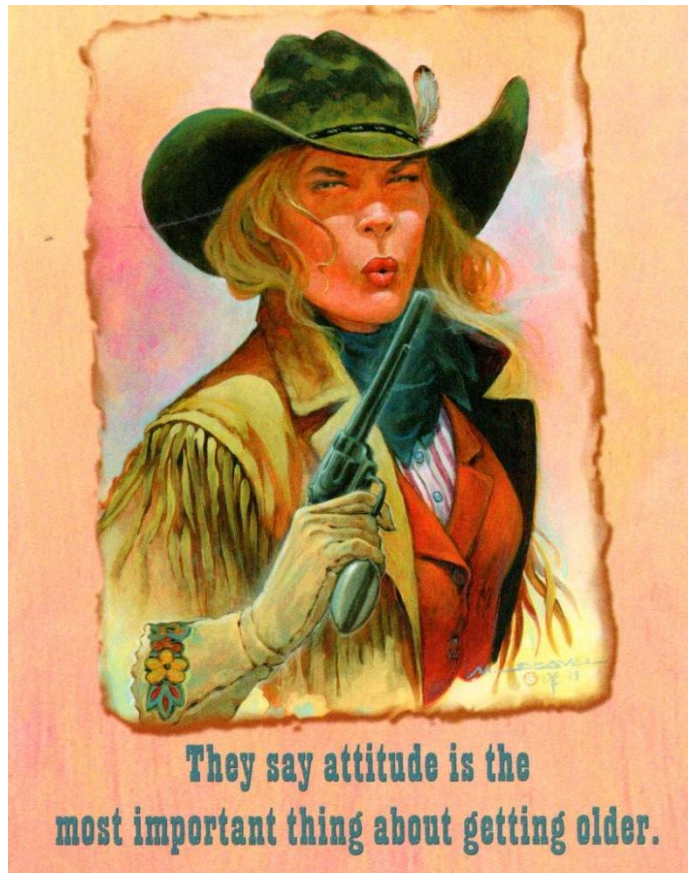
- Strength & hope to others – friends & families
- Strength & hope to ourselves – a renewed sense of confidence

Sustaining a positive attitude requires:

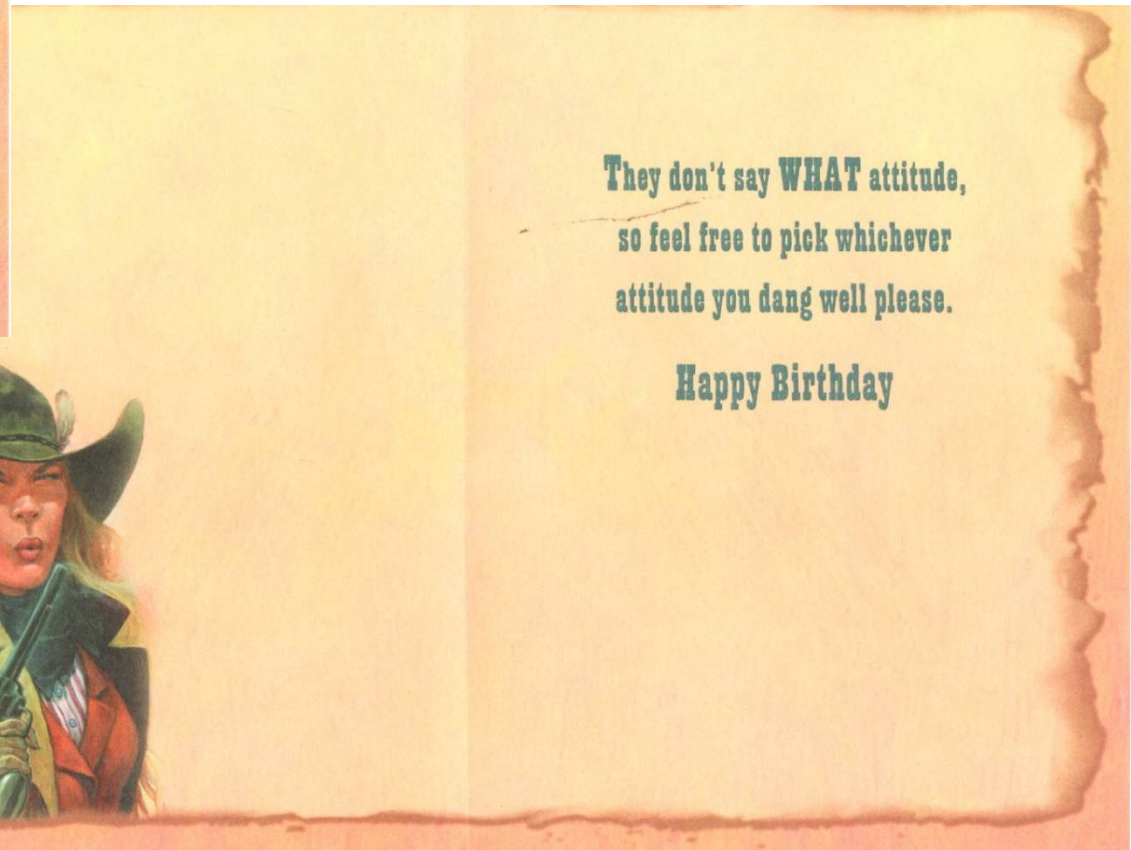
- A passionate purpose
- Choosing a challenge
- Inner strength, getting up again, learning from it
- Going beyond our own needs and wants

Engage ☀ Encourage ☀ Inspire

"It's the only logical way to play the cards we are dealt"



They say attitude is the most important thing about getting older.



They don't say WHAT attitude, so feel free to pick whichever attitude you dang well please.

Happy Birthday

“Attitude Cowgirl”
by Mike Scovel

Dilys Parker: Communication

- Our words define us and our world – to empower or disempower. What do I tell myself?
- Challenges of non-verbal communication and putting thoughts into words
- The person is not the problem – the *problem* is the problem



“We’re all in this together – stay cool!” (Tom Isaacs)

Quality of Life Group
Maintaining our mental, physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing

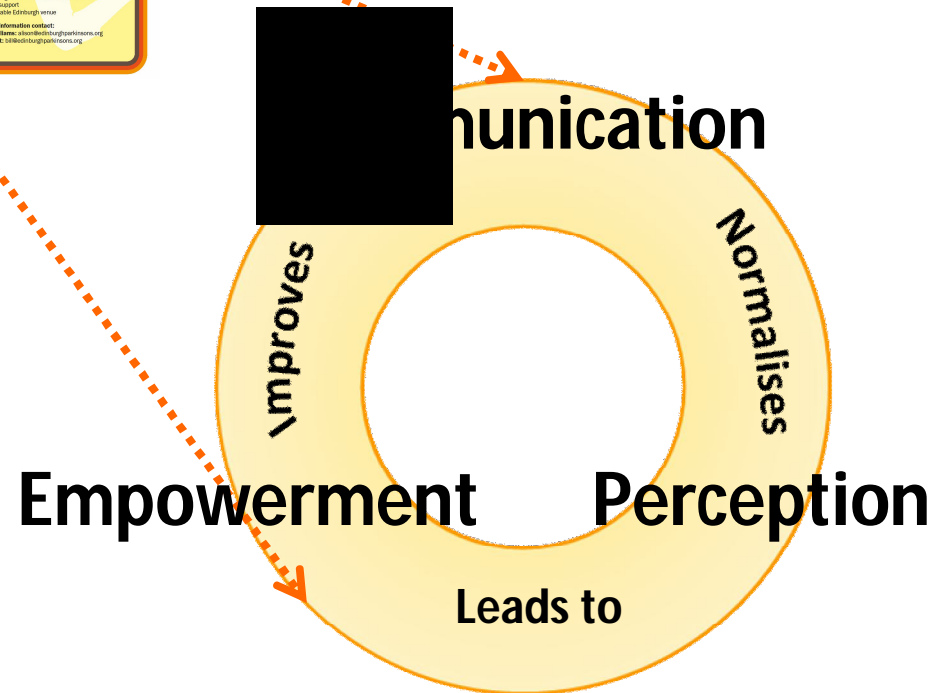
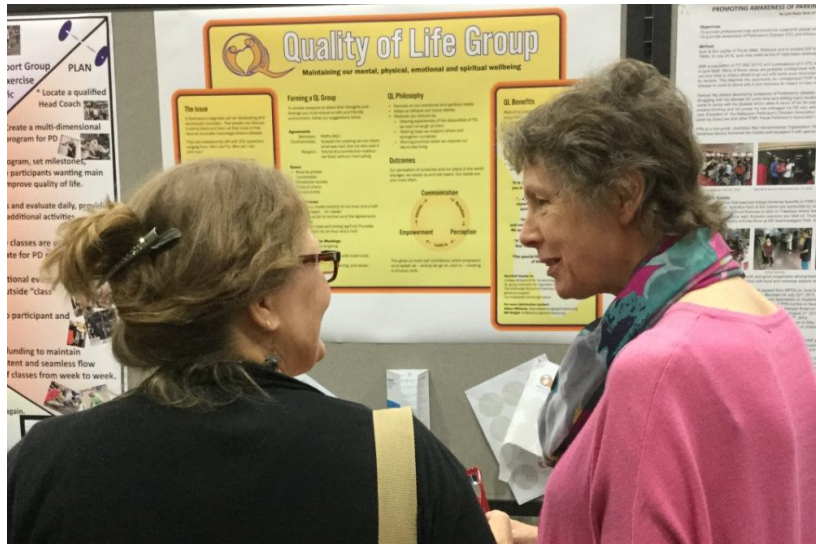
The Issue
A Parkinson's diagnosis can be devastating and emotionally traumatic. Few people can discuss it calmly there and then all they know is they have an incurable neurodegenerative disease. They are subsequently left with 301 questions ranging from 'Will I die?' to 'Who will I be, and how?'
As the condition progresses a whole new range of issues emerge including mobility, speech, dexterity...
While medical help is usually readily available there is little to support people's mental, emotional and spiritual needs.
Medical intervention is necessary but is not the whole story

"The central problem is how to avoid living a life that is dominated, whether by the disease itself or by others' responses to it" (Houston 2015:31).

Forming a QL Group
To enable everyone to share their thoughts and feelings you must ensure a safe and friendly environment, follow our suggestions below.
Agreements
Members: **FRIND ONLY**
Confidentiality: Outside the meeting we can share what was said, but not who said it
Respect: Everyone's contribution matters - we listen without interrupting
Space
• Must be private
• Comfortable
• Wheelchair access
• Circle of chairs
• Refreshments
Simple Process
The QL group meets monthly for an hour and a half.
• Self managed - no leader
• Opening script to remind us of the agreements
• Check-out
• Consistent date and timing (eg First Thursday of the month for an hour and a half)
Themes, Ideas for Meetings
• What keeps us laughing
• Challenging openly
• Improving communication with loved ones, care partners, families
• The empowerment of farting, and worse, in public

QL Philosophy
• Focuses on our emotional and spiritual needs
• Helps us reframe our future stories
• Restores our choices by:
• Sharing experiences of the absurdities of PD, we learn to laugh at them
• Sharing how we support others and strengthen ourselves
• Sharing practical ideas we improve our day-to-day living
Outcomes
Our perception of ourselves and choice in the world changes; we meet friends; we are met
Communication
Empowerment **Perception**
Leads to

QL Benefits
Mutual support and understanding empowers us to:
• Communicate openly and congruently
• Take personal responsibility for our mental, emotional and spiritual health
• Maintain our physical health in partnership with our health professionals
• Accept we are individuals in society, not defined by our Parkinson's
• Listen to ourselves and trust our inner voice
• Know what our needs are, and tell the world clearly
"It is wonderful being in a group where you don't have to explain or apologise!"
"It is a joyous gathering, sharing our experiences and building trust in such a caring atmosphere."
"The feeling of understanding and companionship was heart warming. My quality of life has already gone up!"
"It is great to talk about PD without fear of boring or worrying anyone!"
"The special time, place and positivity of the QL group."
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Learning

The unwanted visitor doesn't rule my life – I do

The importance of:

- Mutual support and encouragement
- Clear, transparent communication



Taking control of our treatment

"It is important to listen to patient's and the carer's voice."

Changing how we relate to each other

- Beyond the power imbalance & paternalism
- From passive recipient to active participant
- Partnership – patient as teacher; doctor as partner
- What we want from our consultants:
 - Building confidence and trust by listening, taking time and care in an unhurried way, and active involvement
 - Active listening and shared understanding



Inspiring

Quote of the day....

**“The patient will never care how much you know,
until they know how much you care.”**

Terry Canale, Vice President
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Taking control of our lives, our treatment, our selves

DISCUSSION