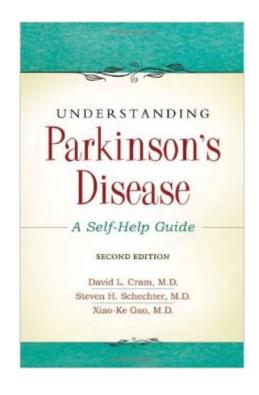
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# Understanding Parkinson's Disease: A Self-Help Guide





## Synopsis

Addressing a disease that affects half a million Americans today—with 100,000 new cases diagnosed annually—this reference emphasizes how treatment and education are vital to maintaining the best quality of life possible. Coauthored by a former physician who has lived with Parkinsonâ <sup>™</sup>s for 20 years, this handbook discusses both the basics of the disease, for which there is no &#147;cure,â • and ways that patients can stay active and maintain independence. Additional topics include symptoms and stages, treatment options, the role of self-help, the emotional side of the illness, day-to-day coping, benefits of exercise, choosing the right doctor, and care for caregivers. Going beyond standard medical information, this unique study also offers a sense of hope, featuring inspirational quotes from dozens of Parkinsonâ <sup>™</sup>s patients.

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

"Understanding Parkinson's Disease" is a well-written book introducing a patient to life as a Parkinson's patient. I purchased this book to pre-screen it for my parents and found that it was a good book to give them because of it's positive discussion about the disease. If you know a Parkinson's patient who refuses to read up about the disease (because they don't want to read about all the restrictions they will have to face in their future) this is a good "first" book. The "Self Help Guide" has a pro-active upbeat approach to working with the disease. It doesn't spend a lot of time belaboring how miserable the future will be, but focuses on how to deal with the present. Since Dr. Cram has Parkinson's Disease himself his viewpoints about the disease help give credibility and enlightenment to the reader. This book summarized all aspects of the disease while showing how to live with the symptoms. It is a good starter book for preparing to live with Parkinson's Disease. Purchase "Caring for the Parkinson patient" by Hutton for a more in-depth review of Parkinson's and how to live (or care for someone) with the disease.

Dr. David Cram has written a very touching and informative book about Parkinson's Disease that I encourage anyone who has been diagnosed with PD or who knows someone who has been diagnosed with PD to check out. Dr. Cram who was dianosed ten years ago with PD writes from personal knowledge and covers everything from symptoms to the newest drug therapies. I also enjoyed the comments interspersed throughout the book from patients, physicians, nurses, counselors and therapists. This is a very encouraging book and I recommend it highly!

A well-written, nicely organized basic introduction and self-help guide written from the perspective of a physician suffering from Parkinson's Disease (PD). This paperback manual explores both the physical and mental sides of dealing with a chronic, devastating illness. It provides strategies and tips for both the sufferer and the caregiver. My only reservation is that, at times, I wished the author would have provided more detailed information on specific, recommended techniques designed to aid the patient. Highly recommended reading.

There is a lot written but this is one of the most comprehensive books I have found along with 100 Questions and Answers by Mohammad Ali. For people being diagnosed and into Parkinson's it is a clear presentation of info needed and asked, it is a great book for caregivers and is factual without being intimidating. It also serves as a reference and a great guide line to the continuing process without undue stress.

My mom has Parkinson's and this book gave us a lot of good information. We learned many things that will be helpful in helping with my mom's health. I highly recommend this book!

Very good up to date information in easy to understand format.Recommend if you have or know someone with PD

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