



The shaking and trembling that can occur as a side effect of Parkinson's disease treatment is dyskinesia – a form of dystonia.

***“Most Parkinson's patients have elements of dystonia.”***

***- Susan Bressman, MD***

*The Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia & Parkinson Foundation was established in 1995 to find better treatments and cures for the movement disorders dystonia and Parkinson's disease, and to provide medical and patient information. An independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, our funding is made possible through the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporate contributors.*



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## Accelerating the Pace of Research

- The Bachmann-Strauss Foundation is the leading organization actively looking at the connection between dystonia and Parkinson's disease. Our strategic research investments include awarding "seed money" to scientists, sometimes at the earliest stages of their work, enabling them to explore their most promising hypotheses and leverage additional funding.



- We have funded over 200 research studies around the world resulting in the groundbreaking discovery of the genes that cause DYT1 and DYT6 dystonia. The research we support has led to testing new therapies including Deep Brain Stimulation; clinical studies, and the discovery of compounds and genes that are leading to potential new drug development to treat dystonia, Parkinson's disease and other neurological disorders.

- Our annual Think Tank on dystonia is noted as a vital forum in which top scientists and clinicians from around the world come together to exchange ideas and build collaborations.

## Providing Vital Access to Care



- The Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia Center of Excellence is the first place of its kind where patients can obtain informed diagnoses and comprehensive treatment and support. Located at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, the Dystonia Center of Excellence also features an onsite genetic research component and a training program for physicians to acquire clinical and research skills in the field of dystonia.

## Connecting People to Information

- Our annual symposium provides the latest information about dystonia and Parkinson's disease, treatments and research. Provided free to patients, families and health-care providers, it also gives the opportunity to ask questions of experts in the field.



## About Dystonia and Parkinson's Disease



Dystonia is a neurological muscle disorder that causes uncontrollable and, at times, painful spasms in one or more parts of the body. It affects an estimated 500,000 men, women and children in North America alone, striking more people than muscular dystrophy, Huntington's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease combined.

Parkinson's disease is a disorder of the central nervous system caused by a change in the part of the brain that controls movements like walking and balance. It affects approximately 1 million Americans. A fourfold increase in the number of people afflicted with Parkinson's disease is estimated in 40 years as America's population ages.



*Your support and involvement can make a major difference in the fight against these terrible movement disorders. Please contact us today to see how you can help.*