# Self Management and Parkinson's Disease

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#### What does self management mean to you?

- To be proactive
- To work at overcoming the physical, mental, and emotional problems caused by the condition
- To learn how to function at your best regardless of the difficulties life presents
- To achieve the things you want to do and to get pleasure from life
- To learn several different techniques to better manage the various different situations that present in daily life

#### Core Self Management Skills

- Managing Parkinson's Disease and it's symptoms
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- Accessing the support you need

#### Managing Parkinson's disease/symptoms

- Make decisions about when to seek medical help
- Consider treatment options including taking medications appropriately
- Prepare for your neurologist visit
- Work with your health care team
  - TEAM Team Engagement is A Must

#### Problem Solving

- Identify the problem
- List ideas to solve the problem
  - What can I change
  - Consult others
- Pick an idea and try it!
- Evaluate the outcome
- And some problems may not be solvable

#### Decision making

- Identify the options available
- List pros and cons for each option
- Think about your values
- Rate each item 0-5 scale
  - ■0 = not at all important 5= extremely important
  - Add your columns and compare
- Do the gut test

# An example... Should I get help in the house?

Pro	Rating	Con	Rating
I'll have more time	4	It is expensive	3
I'll be less tired	4	It's hard to find help	1
I'll have a clean house	3	They wont' do things my way	2
		I don't want a stranger in my home	1
Total	11		7

#### Maintain a healthy lifestyle

- What are you going to do?
- How much time will you do this activity?
- When will you do this activity?
- How often will you do the activity

- Set realistic goals and expectations
  - ■7+ out of 10 on the "do-able" scale
- Be accountable
- Reward yourself

#### Access the support you need

- Friends and family
- Asking for help
- Using community resources

### Soania Mathur's list for Self Management

- Communication with doctor
- Decrease stress
- Educate yourself
- Build your team
- Shift your focus
- Exercise
- Priorize and plan your day
- Disclose
- Www.designingacure.org



# CARE Coping, Advocating, Relating, Engaging

- Coping attitude is king
- Advocating
- Relationships
- Engagement in life

#### Mindfulness activities

- "the awareness that emerges through paying attention on purpose in the present moment and non judgementally to the unfolding of experience"
- Yoga, meditation, progressive relaxation, coloring
- Daily practice, same time of day and in the same place
- Apps include Headspace, Calm, 10% happier

#### Life Hacks!

- A strategy or technique used to manage one's time and daily activities in a more efficient way.
  - Gift cards to use at the grocery store
  - Iphone holder –pop socket
  - Apps for medication reminders
  - Auto billy payments
  - Dragon for dictation
  - Meal prep services
  - Clothing adaptations
- Any ideas???

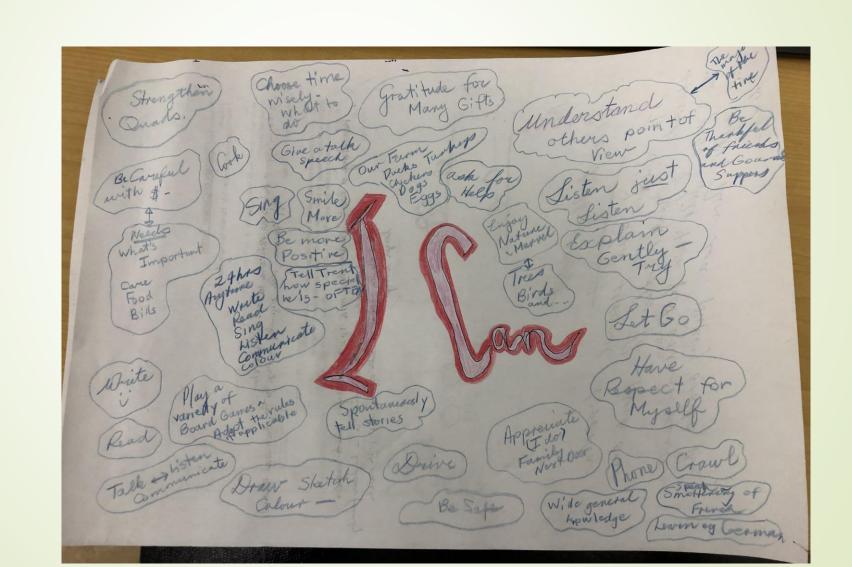


#### Advance care planning

- A process of reflection and communication
  - Reflect on your wishes and values
  - Inform the people in your circle
- Power of Attorney
- Representation Agreements
- **■** Will



#### Make accommodations...



#### Create a morning mantra

- PACE pick activities carefully or else
- JOLT just one little thing...to move forward
- FEAR future expectations appear real
- GOAL go on living actively
- TRIUMPH Try with Umph!
- Just do it! Action before motivation

#### Take home message



#### Next steps....

- Self management BC <u>www.selfmanagementbc.ca</u>
- Davis Phinney <u>www.davisphinneyfoundation.org</u>
- Parkinson's Foundation <u>www.Parkinson.org</u>
- <u>www.movingforwardwithpd.com</u>
- Research PPRC, Fox Foundation www.michaeljfox.org
- www.worldpdcongress.org
- <u>www.bcbrainwellness.ca</u>

#### More next steps...

- Mindful.org
- 52 Lists of happiness: Weekly journaling inspiration for positivity, balance and joy
   by Moorea Seal
- Parkinson's IQ and you (Fox Foundation)
- www.parkinstand.com
- <u>www.designinga</u>cure.org

## Thank you

### Questions



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