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## **VA and Parkinson's Foundation partner to help Veterans living with Parkinson's disease**

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the [Parkinson's Foundation](#) announced today they are teaming up to improve the health, well-being and quality of life of [Veterans living with Parkinson's disease](#).

"This collaboration ensures Veterans diagnosed with Parkinson's have access to the information and resources they need to better manage their health," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The joint effort enhances the [multitude of services](#) that care teams at the Veterans Health Administration provide to Veterans with Parkinson's disease."

"VA and the foundation are working to increase access to information about Parkinson's disease," said John L. Lehr, president and chief executive officer of the Parkinson's Foundation. "Educating and training VA staff on disease management and therapies, along with improving Veterans' access to direct health services related to the disease is a paramount objective".

These efforts help to provide Veterans with needed resources and tools for coping with Parkinson's. The foundation also offers [online resources](#) for individuals and their caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic, to include Facebook Live Q&A events with subject matter experts,

Learn more about how the Parkinson's Foundation improves care and [advances research toward a cure](#).

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