



### Outline

- ✓ Overview of What Matters in a Dizzying Array of Novel Treatments
- ✓ When Will We Have a Cure?
- ✓ Please Remember “Old” Therapies Are Tried and Work Well When Used Appropriately (by a Movement Disorder Specialist)
- ✓ Overview of 3 Important Areas of PD Therapeutic Advances:
  - ✓ Recently Approved/Relatively New/Branded PD Medications
  - ✓ A Few Important Clinical Trials
  - ✓ The Future of PD Treatments

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### What Matters & Where to Get Reliable Information?

1. In our age of world-wide epistemological crisis it has become particularly challenging to know anything for certain.
  1. The epistemological crisis stems from the political arena<sup>1</sup>
  2. With the ubiquitous nature of the internet, there is abundance of information, but much less readily available ways to ascertain accuracy and reliability
  3. There are many hidden or non-obvious potential conflicts of interests associated with “free” information
2. What can you do?
  1. Verifiable expertise can often be anchored on objective information such as peer-reviewed publications and academic achievements
  2. Large patient advocacy organizations, such as Parkinson’s Foundation, MJFF, PFNCA should be trusted more than other forums – investigate before you trust a support group online or a speaker arranged by a group with possible conflicts
  3. While fellow patients should most definitely be listened to, remember they are no doctors (unless they are) and no experts in Parkinson disease – your movement disorder specialist provider is – 2<sup>nd</sup> opinions & 3<sup>rd</sup> opinions are always a good idea

<sup>1</sup><https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/26/opinion/repUBLICan-disinformation.html>

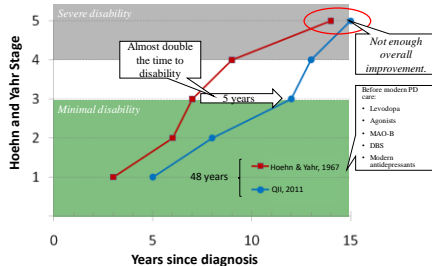
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### When Will We Have a Cure?

1. “Cure” implies a perfect and complete restoration to a state before a disease hit.
2. Such feat for PD will not be possible before we not only slow, stop or prevent, but actually reverse aging.
3. Lost brain tissue is not lost liver, kidney, bone, lung, etc tissue. The function of kidney is provided by the tissue, which is perfectly replaceable. Brain functions in terms of circuitry – the function, learned and stored information acquired over years and decades, cannot be replaced by adding naïve neurons and glia back.
4. However, in theory, it should be possible to slow, stop, or even prevent PD
5. That’s called disease modifying or neuroprotective therapies

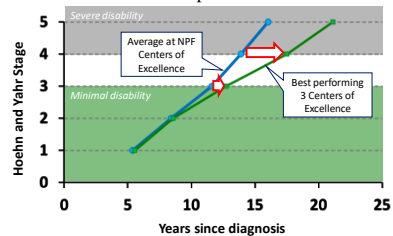
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### “Old” Therapies Should Not Be Ignored!



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### Further Gains Are Still Possible – With Currently Available and Optimized Treatments!



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Recently Approved/Relatively New/Branded PD Medications					
Levodopa	Dopamine agonists	MAO-B inhibitors	COMT inhibitors	Amantadine	A2A
Inbrija® (inhaled levodopa) Approved by the FDA in May 2019	Apomorphine (Kynmobi®) Approved by the FDA in May 2020	Safinamide (Kasigoro®) Approved by the FDA in March 2017	Opicapone (Ongentys®) Approved by the FDA in April 2020	Osmolex® Approved by the FDA in December 2018	Istradefylline (Nourianz™) Approved by the FDA in August 2019
CVL (intra-oral suspension (Duopa®)) FDA approval in January 2015	Rasagiline (Neupro® patch) FDA approval in July 2007 & April 2012	Rasagiline (Alect®) FDA approval in July 2006	Stalevo® (carbidopa-levodopa and entacapone) FDA approval in June 2006	Coqopin® FDA approval in August 2017	
Rytary® FDA approval in January 2015	Apomorphine (Apokyn®) FDA approval in April 2004	Selegiline (Zelapar®) FDA approval in June 2006	Entacapone (Comtan®) FDA approval in December 1993		
Parcopa® (orally disintegrating tablet) FDA approval in August 2004					

## Nourianz

NOURIANZ dose strengths



- ▶ Adenosine receptor antagonist to treat off episodes of PD as adjunctive treatment to carbidopa/levodopa
- ▶ 20-40 mg once daily
- ▶ With or without food

TEXT

## Kynmobi

- ▶ Is sublingual film indicated for off times in PD
- ▶ Improvement in motor symptoms at 15 minutes and last up to 90 minutes



## SUBLINGUAL APOMORPHINE CURRENTLY APPROVED .

### SUBLINGUAL APOMORPHINE

- Many people do not like injections; moreover, sublingual route is easier to administer,
- Sublingual apomorphine (APL-130277) tested in phase 2/phase 3 studies, FDA approval pending
- Dose: 10-30 mg during OFF phase,
- ON state achieved in 15-30 min of dose in about 80% of patients,
- Mean duration of ON phase is 50 min and 60% remain ON for >90 min
- Common side effects are dizziness, somnolence and nausea.



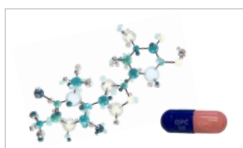
**KYNMOBI™**  
(apomorphine HCl) sublingual film  
10 mg • 15 mg • 20 mg • 25 mg • 30 mg

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## Ongentys

- ▶ Approved in 2016 in EU
- ▶ Once daily at bedtime
- ▶ Not be taken with food
- ▶ 50 mg daily

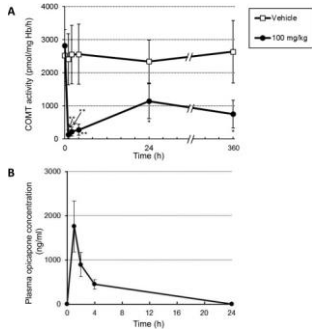


## OPICAPONE – COMT INHIBITOR

Data were combined for both studies and results for 50 mg doses were presented. The data presentation revealed statistically significant increases in absolute “ON” time without reports of dyskinesia from baseline to week 14 or 15 endpoints. All patients treated with opicapone in the open-label extension studies experienced improvements in “ON” time without dyskinesia.

- From baseline, the average increase in “ON” time was 2.0 ± 2.6 hours in BIPARK-1 and 1.8 ± 3.2 hours in BIPARK-2.
- Also, a significantly higher percentage of patients who received 50 mg doses of opicapone had an increase in total “ON” time of an hour or longer at week 14 or 15 in both BIPARK-1 and BIPARK-2

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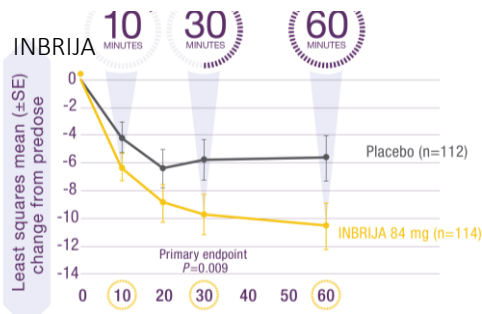


## INBRIJA

- Inhaled Levodopa
- Indicated for intermittent treatment of OFF episodes in patients with Parkinson disease treated with carbidopa/levodopa
- Initiate when OFF period symptoms start to return



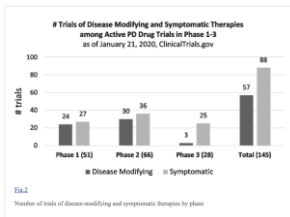
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## Clinical trials

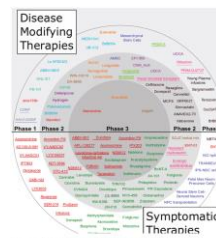
- Disease modifying approach
- Symptomatic therapies
  - Motor symptoms
  - Non-motor symptoms

PD drug therapies in the clinical trial pipeline: 2020



McFarthing et al. J Parkinson Dis. 2020; 10(3): 757-774.

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Applied to active PD drug trials as of January 21, 2020 in ClinicalTrials.gov by phase, NINDS ID and Symptomatic category.

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## Disease Modifying/Neuroprotective Trials

Sponsor	Therapeutic	Mechanism	Phase				Status
			I	II	III	IV	
GLP1							
University College London	Exenatide	GLP1 agonist					Trial pending
Neuraly	NLY01	GLP1 agonist					Phase I (cohort 2) ongoing
Pepton	PT320	GLP1 agonist					Trial pending
Cedars-Sinai	Liraglutide	GLP1 agonist					Results expected 2019
University Hospital, Toulouse	Unikemafide	GLP1 agonist					Results expected 2021
Oslø Universitet	Semaglutide	GLP1 agonist					Trial pending
c-Ab1							
SPARC	K0706	c-Ab1 kinase inhibitor					Results expected 2021
Inhibikase	IBT-14800	c-Ab1 kinase inhibitor					Trial pending
Georgetown University	nikotinil	c-Ab1 kinase inhibitor					Results expected 2019
Northwestern University (IMRF)	nikotinil	c-Ab1 kinase inhibitor					Results expected 2019

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Disease Modifying/Neuroprotective Trials  
(Cont.)

Sponsor	Therapeutic	Mechanism	Phase				Status
			I	II	III	IV	
ApoPharma	Defetiprone	Iron chelator					Results expected 2019
University of Plymouth	Sinvastatin	Anti-inflammatory					Results expected 2020
University of Nebraska	Sargamostim	Anti-inflammatory					Trial pending
University of Sheffield	Unisolol (UDCA)	Mitochondrial enhancer					Results expected 2020
University of Minnesota	Unisolol (UDCA)	Mitochondrial enhancer					Results unclear
BioElectron	EPN-589	Mitochondrial enhancer					Results pending
Kairoo Medicine	KM-819	Cell death inhibitor					Trial pending
io Therapeutics	IOX-4204	IRK1 agonist					Trial pending
University of Vermont	Nicotinic patch	Acetylcholine receptor agonist					Results pending
University of Rochester	Liradipin	Calcium channel blocker					Results pending
Massachusetts General Hospital	Insulin	Urate precursor					Results pending

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## Cell Replacement and Repair

Sponsor	Therapeutic	Mechanism	Phase				Status
			I	II	III	IV	
<b>Trophic Factors</b>							
Herantis	CDNF	CDNF protein infusion					Results expected 2019
NIN/NIHES	AAV2-GDNF	GDNF gene therapy					Results expected 2020
MedGenesys	GDNF	GDNF protein infusion					Results unclear
<b>Cell-Based Therapy</b>							
Neurological Sciences Cell Corporation	NSC-104	Dopamine cell replacement					Trial pending
Kyoto University Hospital	IPSC-D4 Transplants	Dopamine cell replacement					Results expected 2019
Celavie Biosciences	OR99	Dopamine cell replacement					Trial pending
Living Cell Technologies	NTC48	Pig choroid plexus cells/protection					Results pending

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## Alpha-Synuclein Therapies

Sponsor	Therapeutic	Mechanism	Phase				Status
			I	II	III	IV	
AFFIRM	AFFIRM PD01A	Active immunotherapy					Trial pending
Biogen	BIB054	Passive immunotherapy					Results expected 2022
Prothena/Roche	Prasinezumab (PRN010/PRN012)	Passive immunotherapy					Results expected 2020
ActoZeneca/Takeda	MEDI-1341	Passive Immunotherapy					Results expected 2019
Lonlab	Lv-492432	Passive Immunotherapy					Results expected 2020
ABBVie/Biolectic	ABBV-0805	Passive Immunotherapy					Trial pending
Neurocure/VCB	NPC010-11 UC8059	Small molecule disaggregator					Trial pending
Prana Bio	PBT-434	Small molecule disaggregator					Trial pending
Proclara	NPT088	Small molecule disaggregator					AD trial results expected 2019
Yumality	YTK-7738	Small molecule inhibitor of alpha-synuclein toxicity					Trial pending

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## Pasadena study (immunotherapy)

- Prasinezumab stimulates a passive immunity against alpha-synuclein.
- Prasinezumab shows signs of slowing motor symptoms decline in early stage PD in phase 2 study
- Double blind Intravenous infusion every 4 weeks for 52 weeks.
- At the end of the first phase (52 weeks) all subjects are receiving the medication q4 weeks
- 316 subjects were enrolled and part 2 of the study is ongoing

## Spark trial (PD01A immunotherapy for PD)

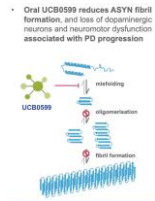
- Utilization of BIB054, a selective antibody against misfolded form of alpha synuclein (immunotherapy)
- Q4week IV infusion
- Prior studies showed the continuous infusion of BIB054 reduces the misfolding protein and loss of dopamine transporters (DAT)
- Study is undergoing but completed the recruitment, enrolled 311 subjects

## Affitope pd01a

- ▶ An injectable vaccine that targets alpha-synuclein protein is being developed by a biotech company Affiris (active immunization)
- ▶ The Phase 1a and 1 b were conducted and showed the compound is safe and well-tolerated.
- ▶ Affiris intends to conduct a Phase 2 trial in the US

## Alfa synuclein (asyn) misfiling inhibitor

- ▶ An orally available brain-penetrant inhibitor of ASYN misfolding
- ▶ Oral UCB0599 reduces ASYN fibril formation and loss of dopaminergic neurons and neuromotor dysfunction associated with PD.



Low breaking abstract: MDS virtual 2020

## Repair-pd

- ▶ A phase 2 single-center pilot study in Texas to assess the safety and tolerability of CNM-Au8 in 24 subjects.
- ▶ CNM-Au8 is a concentrated suspension of gold (Au) and can protect cells from oxidative stress due to its antioxidant properties.
- ▶ CNM-Au8 might help to protect dopaminergic neurons and slow the progression of PD
- ▶ There is a plan to conduct another Phase 2 trial, RESCUE-PD

## Ambroxol(boosting of waste disposal processes)

- ▶ Ambroxol is a respiratory medication reduces levels of harmful alpha synuclein.
- ▶ Encouraging results from the open label trial in 18 patients with PD
- ▶ Ambroxol was well tolerated and it penetrated into the brain. A larger phase three study would be the next step.

## Interputamenal cdn

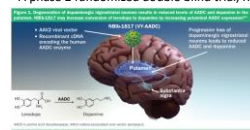
- ▶ CNF is a neurotrophic factor shown to protect neurons.
- ▶ 17 subjects with PD were randomized to receive placebo or study medication every 4 weeks via an intraputamenal drug delivery device in Sweden and Finland.
- ▶ The phase I-2 in human was safe and well tolerated.
- ▶ The data for the extension phase of the study is expected to be available by the end of the year.

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## Aadc gene therapy

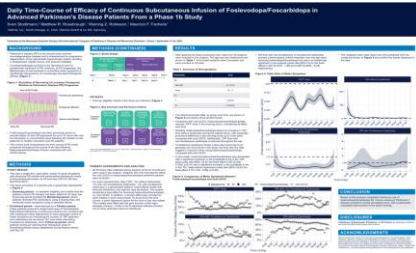
- ▶ AAV2 gene therapy encoding human aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase (AADC)
- ▶ VY-AADC01 administered surgically was well tolerated.
- ▶ Phase I studies showed clinical benefit with significant reduction on PD medications
- ▶ No SAE were reported today
- ▶ A phase 2 randomized double blind trial, Restore-1 is ongoing.



VY-AADC01 administered using a single posterior trajectory per putamen was well tolerated.  
Shawar Factor et al. MDS Virtual meeting 2020

## Subcutaneously infusion of levodopa/carbidopa

- ▶ Abbvie trial, 24 h/day CSCI.
- ▶ Single arm, open label, Phase 1b study with 20 subjects.
- ▶ The study showed improvement of PD symptoms across all waking days especially in the early morning.



## Subcutaneously infusion of levodopa/carbidopa

- ▶ Neuroderm trial with CSCI of ND0612
- ▶ Phase 2b, international, open label study over one year
- ▶ 24 h/day and 16 h/day infusion tested total daily dose of 720 mg of levodopa
- ▶ Mild to moderate infusion site reactions were common
- ▶ A phase 3 double-blind pivotal efficacy trial (BouNDless) is being initiated



## Continuous subcutaneous apomorphine infusion (CSAI)

- ▶ CSAI has been used world wide to treat motor fluctuation in PD
- ▶ Not available in the USA yet
- ▶ The recent open label multi center trial in us in 99 patients with PD showed that the CSAI was safe and well-tolerated during one year follow up
- ▶ The New Drug Application was submitted to FDA for review



<https://doi.org/10.1093/npjparkd.2016.23>

## Inhaled Apomorphine

- ▶ Randomized, placebo-controlled study in 24 PD patients
- ▶ Absorbed rapidly tmax less than 3.5 min
- ▶ It showed improvement of the symptoms and relatively well tolerated
- ▶ AE: throat irritation, orthostatic hypotension, yawning, nausea, somnolence and dyskinesia.



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TEXT

## Mild cognitive impairment

- ▶ NYX-458 is an oral compound that regulates the NMDA receptors in brain.
- ▶ The Phase 2 double blind clinical trial is undergo now and was supported by positive preclinical date.
- ▶ Aptinix has paused patient enrollment due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

## Constipation

- ▶ Targeting alpha synuclein
  - ▶ ENT-01 which doesn't enter the brain and only targets alpha synuclein inside cells.
  - ▶ A phase 2 open label study showed this drug was safe and well controlled and reduced the constipation.
  - ▶ This finding suggest that the nervous system of the gut is not irreversibly damaged and if a drug penetrates to the brain may be able to restore neurons function.

## Excessive daytime sleepiness

- ▶ THN (Modafinil 200 mg and low dose flecainide 2 mg) in the treatment of EDS with PD, a double-blind, placebo controlled study.
- ▶ The effect probably is by modifying the interaction between neuronal and glial networks in the brain.
- ▶ THN was well tolerated and significantly improved EDS in patients with PD
- ▶ No serious adverse effect was reported

## Neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (NOH)

- ▶ Amprelosetine is a long acting, norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
- ▶ A phase 3 double blind, placebo controlled study is currently undergoing
- ▶ Target enrollment: 188

## Stem cell research

- ▶ TRANSENURO: Open label European-Union-funded allograft trial. Subjects receive transplants of hfVM (human fetal ventral mesencephalic tissue)
  - ▶ Complete the recruitment of 11 subjects
  - ▶ Grafting fetal tissue into the brain of PD subjects
  - ▶ Continue observing the subjects for 36 months
  - ▶ Study will be completed in 2021

## Stem cell research

- ▶ Allogenic bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells
- ▶ 20 subjects received a single intravenous infusion
- ▶ Single infusion was safe and well-tolerated in mild to moderate PD patients.
- ▶ There was a potential signal for clinical improvement.
- ▶ Moving forward to phase II randomized placebo-controlled efficacy trial

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## Future directions

- ▶ CRISPR: A gene editing technology, potential in better understanding the disease and treatment
- ▶ mRNA technology
- ▶ Pharmacogenetics
- ▶ Precision medicine
- ▶ Objective, ecologically valid, accurate, clinically meaningful measures to guide treatment