



International Parkinson and  
Movement Disorder Society

**MDS Health Professionals Special Interest Group  
(MDS-HP-SIG)**

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**International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS)  
MDS-HP-SIG Basecamp Meeting (ONLINE)**

*Cognitive Change in Parkinson's disease (PD)*

September 1-5, 2017

**Meeting Intent:** A focused discussion surrounding Cognitive Change in Parkinson's disease (PD).

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**Cognitive Change in Parkinson's disease (PD)**

Cognitive change is now thought to be a cardinal symptom of Parkinson's disease, with emerging evidence suggesting that some changes may be detectable on diagnosis. While a diagnosis of PD does not guarantee dementia is inevitable it is a significant and often unspoken of fear of many people living with the condition. Identifying cognitive change, developing management strategies and supporting caregivers is frequently a role for health care professionals.

**Purpose and Aim of focused Meeting on Basecamp**

This base camp discussion has the aim of sharing practice on managing both the motor and non-motor impact of Parkinson's on the person with Parkinson's and their caregiver.

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**AGENDA**

*Please provide your comments to the following:*

1. Is screening for cognitive change part of your assessment or your team assessment, and what disciplines would screen for cognitive change and what is the preferred tool?
2. What strategies do you use to discuss cognitive change with people experiencing it?
3. What strategies would you use in daily practice to manage the motor impact of Parkinson's? (i.e. Strategy training; Visual/ auditory cueing)
4. How do you support the psychosocial needs of a person experiencing cognitive change?
5. Caregivers frequently are significantly impacted when cognitive symptoms become apparent.
6. How do you support caregivers in coping with cognitive change in their partner?
7. What formal or informal supports are available for caregivers in your practice environment (other than the support you provide)?
8. How do you share results from cognitive screening or consequences of cognitive decline during consultation or treatment with the patient, caregiver and other health professionals?