

Parkinson's Disease as an *OCCUPATION*? A candid conversation with an occupational therapist focused on intentional independence.





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Meet Michelle

Dr. Michelle Holloway is an Occupational Therapist (OT) and a fall prevention expert. She is passionate about breaking down barriers to independence and modifying potential fall risks discovered within the person and their home environment. Michelle has more than three decades of experience working with clients across the lifespan and across the healthcare continuum providing client-centered care focused on prevention, wellness, safety, and empowering lifelong independence.

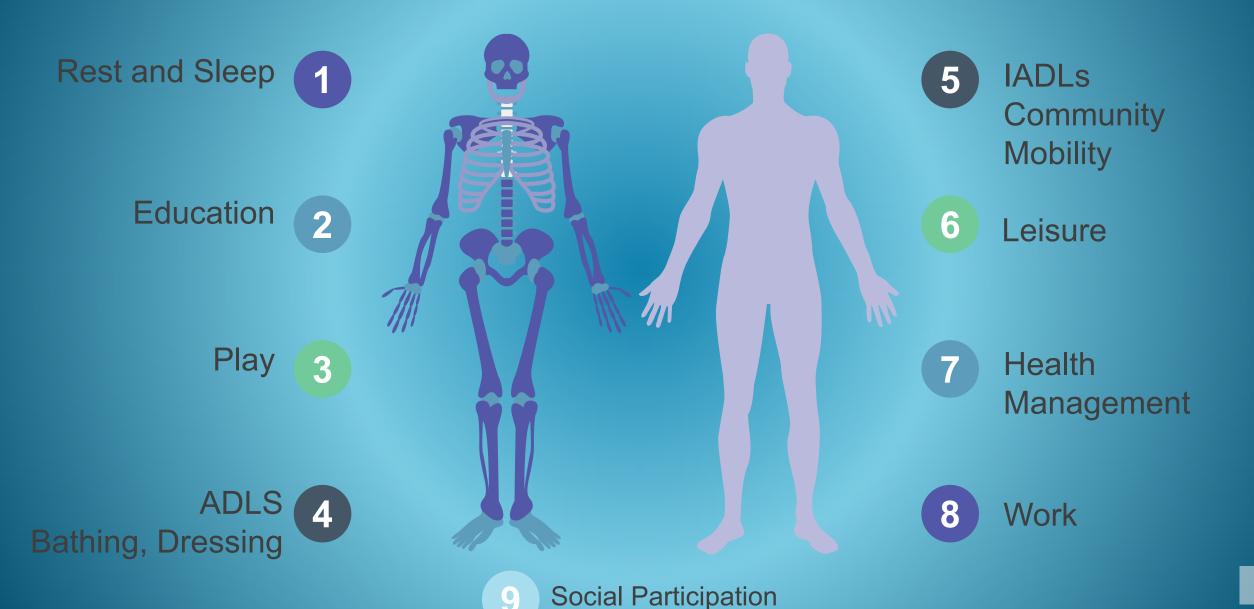
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What is Occupational Therapy?

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Occupations affected by PD



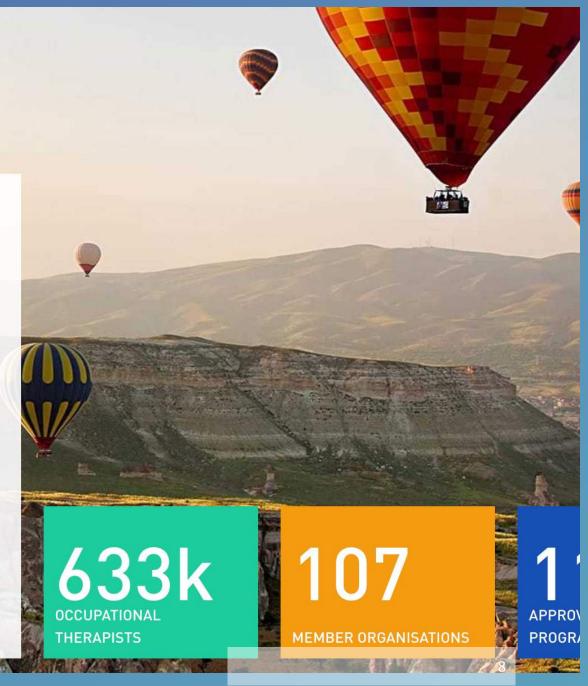
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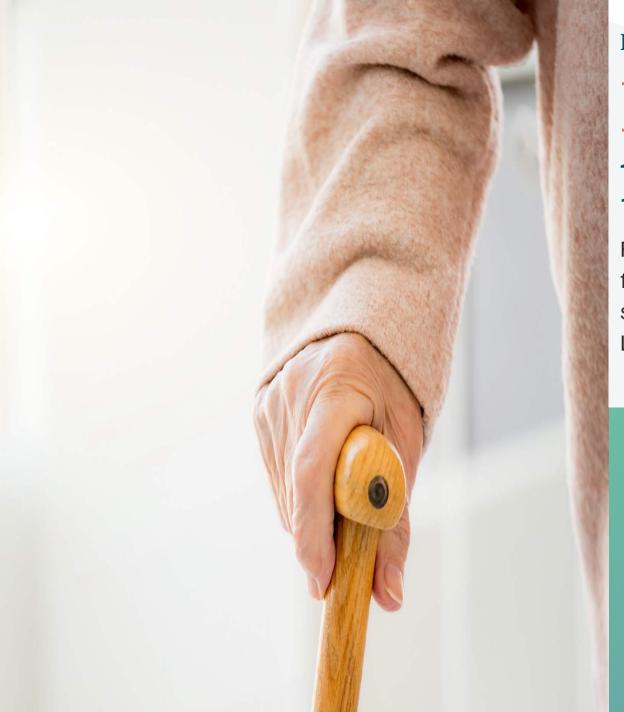


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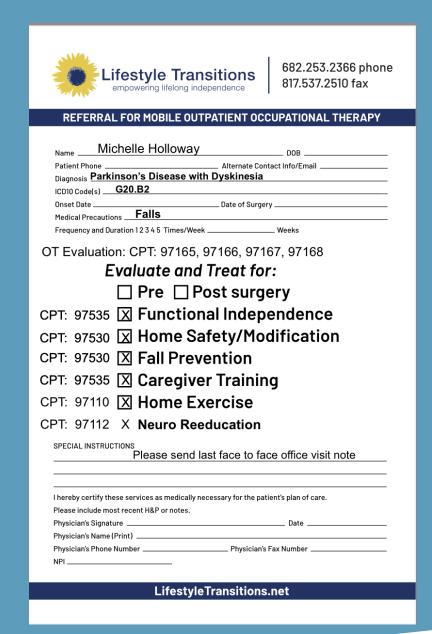
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Falls Prevention for Older Adults

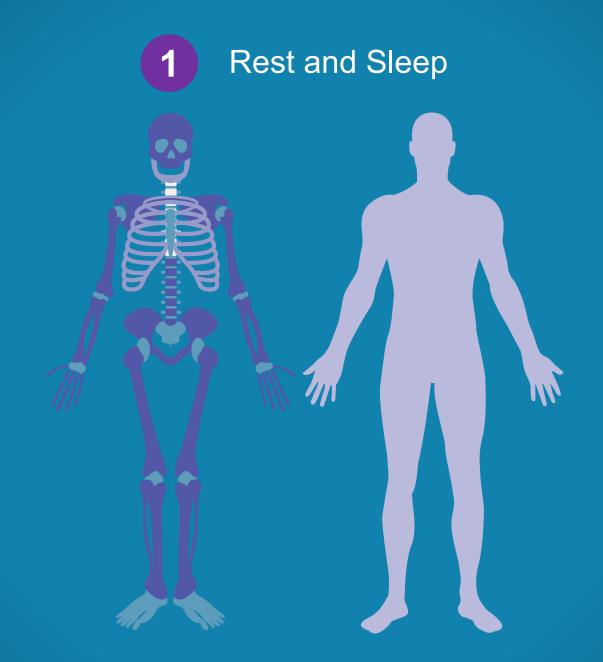
Falling is not a normal part of aging. You can prevent falls by doing the right exercises, making your home safer, getting regular health checkups, and more. Learn steps you can take to stay safe.

➤ Home hazards

- Review the CDC brochure, <u>Check for Safety</u>, with your patient.
- After discussing home hazards with the patient, consider a referral to an occupational therapist (OT) for a home safety evaluation.⁴



**The recommendations included in this presentation are suggestions for increased safety and fall prevention. The client / homeowner is responsible for sourcing, purchasing, and installation of the products and suggestions for improvements - A referral to a local O.T. for a personalized assessment is recommended **.



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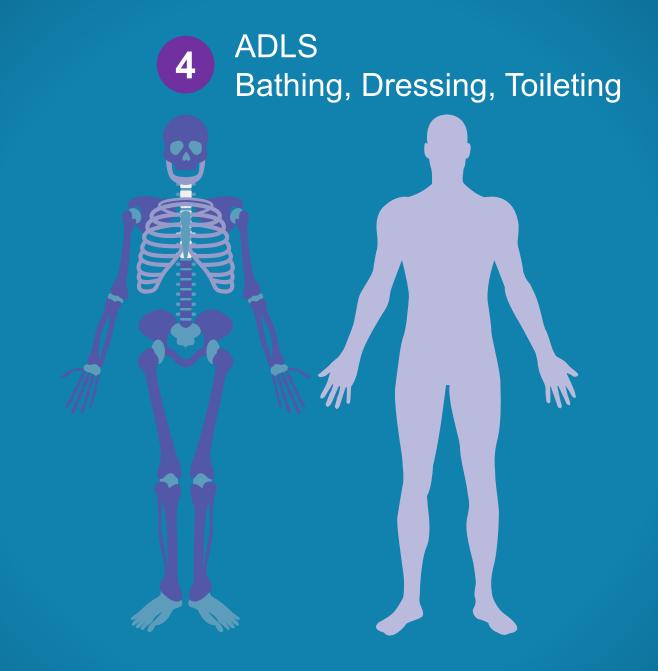
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Safe transfers is a great start



Beware of oversized linens



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4 ADLS Bathing, Dressing, Toileting



Slip Doctors.



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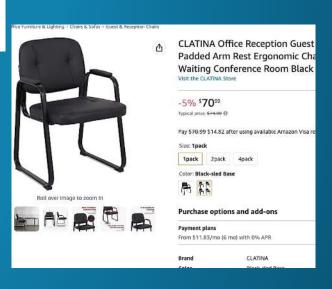


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ADLS Bathing, Dressing

Sit to towel off
Sit to dress
Use equipment to make work easier
Use a call button to alert family if help is needed
Prevent falls by using non-slip surface products on the floor
Consider a bidet to lesson the work of clean up



5 IADLs Community Mobility

Publications

Free Home & Car Safety Guides

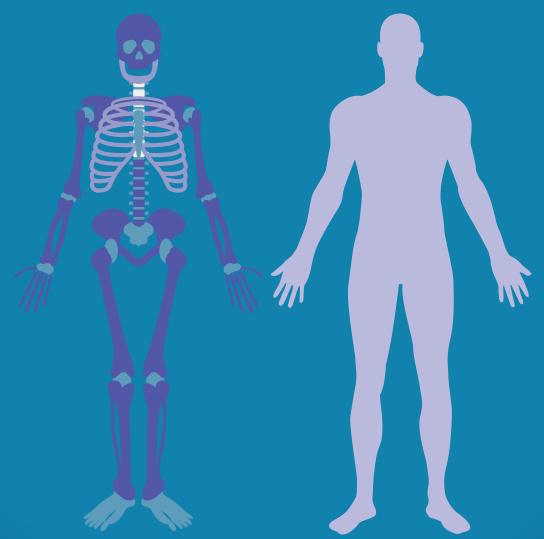
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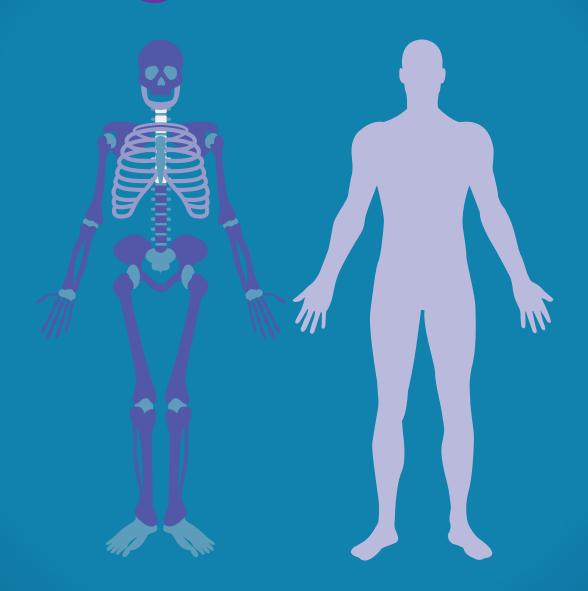


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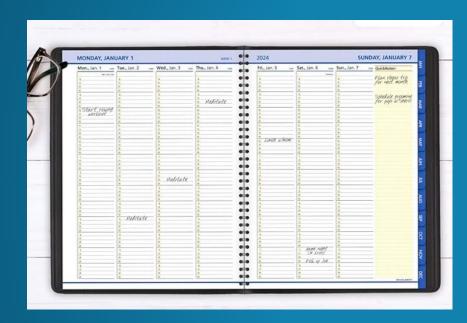


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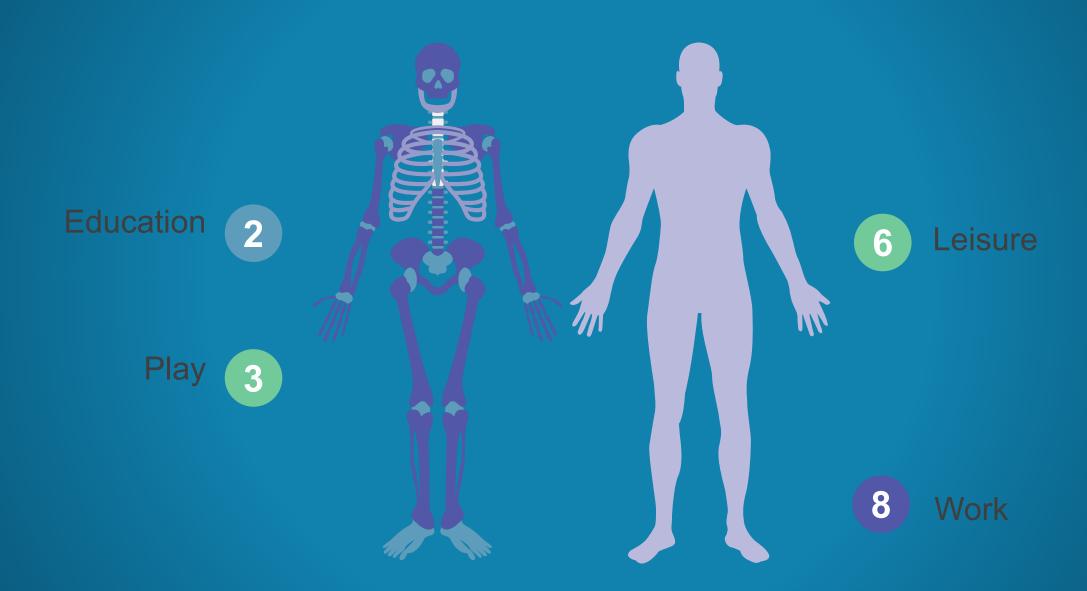


9 Social Participation



- 1. Schedule time with friends and family
- 2. Call or visit venues ahead
- 3. Consider alternative mobility a wheelchair for distances
- 4. Consider areas to change clothes in the event of incontinence
- 5. Don't overdo it, fatigue can lead to disorientation and a fall
- 6. Work with an accessible travel agent for trips away from home
- 7. Stay in and play games, games are therapeutic and rehabilitative cards, board games, video games
- 8. Take a cooking class or a class at a local college or university
- 9. Visit the library and local museums
- 10. Become a tourist in your own town, be an ambassador for accessibility

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10 Ways to reduce care partner burden and burnout

- 1. Prepare a go bag
- 2. Create the medical binder and carry to all appointments
- 3. Automate everything you can using; med reminder app, Alexa, etc.
- 4. KNOW THY INSURANCE
- 5. Find your people-join support groups, if only online
- 6. Use it before you need it OT, PT, ST, Nutritionist, Counselor, Psychiatrist
- 7. Preserve independence with patience and adaptations
- 8. Respite care, you will need it
- 9. Create the list of how others can help, they will offer
- 10. Prioritize your health and wellbeing

Resources Start Here: World Federation of O.T.

https://davisphinneyfoundation.org/

https://www.cdc.gov/steadi/pdf/check_for_safety_brochure-a.pdf (CDC Brochure)

https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/homefit-guide-download.html (AARP)

https://www.aota.org/about/what-is-ot (Aging safely at home)

https://www.aota.org/practice/clinical-topics/driving-community-mobility/carfit (CarFit)

https://car-fit.org/find-an-event (CarFit event locator)

https://journey-without-

<u>limits.heysummit.com/?fbclid=IwAR1Qj70wa5SlmeHsZPdveIdz1h30gCF0NmAMS134AzWULSmvNAAZ_yeQv4E</u>

Accessible Travel

https://www.solutionsforliving.ca/e-books/ (Accessible Travel - Canadian OT)

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