



WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY—FRIDAY 11 APRIL

Parkinson's Disease is one of the most common neurological conditions in Australia, with higher prevalence than a number of diseases and injuries considered National Health Priority Areas. It is often called the 'hidden' disease. 80,000 Australians suffer from this chronic, progressive and incurable disease with substantial disability. On average 25 new cases are diagnosed each day, with 30% being of working age.

Not only does Parkinson's affect the individual, but it also has a profound impact on families and carers.

On World Parkinson's Day, Friday 11 April 2008, Parkinson's Victoria calls on state and federal governments to commit to:

- Investing in effective early intervention measures
- Making available a wider range of treatment options
- Increasing the number of specialist Parkinson's nurses around Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas.

People living with Parkinson's urgently need and deserve increased recurrent funding to improve services and support to reduce the impact of Parkinson's in Australia.

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