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As the human condition improves and lifespans lengthen, chronic and degenerative disease have been brought to the forefront of medicine and health care. Our research aims at finding cures, but in the meantime we must focus on the quality of life of these patients and their loved ones. By investigating patients with Parkinson's disease, one of the most prevalent degenerative diseases, we can determine their greatest struggles and support them physically, mentally, and emotionally to help them obtain their best quality of life and remain an important part of the global community.