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EMAIL SUBJECT LINE: Announcing Partnership Between the Veterans Health Administration/Parkinson's Disease Research, Education & Clinical Centers and the Parkinson's Foundation

Good Morning,

We are pleased to announce a new partnership between the VHA/PADRECCs and the Parkinson's Foundation. The goal of the partnership is to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for Veterans living with Parkinson's disease (PD).

For healthcare professionals, this partnership means more [tailored education and training](#) materials for you and your colleagues on disease management and PD related therapies. **For Veterans living with PD and their care partners**, this means availability of additional [resources and educational information](#) and increased knowledge of healthcare services in the VA.

The Parkinson's Foundation is an international organization with a national and local presence, focused on ensuring expert PD care; educating and empowering the PD community; and driving the understanding of Parkinson's disease through research.

Below is a brief overview of the Parkinson Foundation's free programs and resources, available in English and Spanish, for health professionals and the broader PD community:

Digital Resources: Visit Parkinson Foundation's [PD Library](#) for downloadable fact sheets, books, podcasts, webinars, videos and more.

Hard Copy Materials: [Tailored resources](#) for the different stages of PD, specialty topics, hospitalization kit, [newly diagnosed](#) kit, numerous publications, and more.

Training for Health Professionals: [Online and in-person trainings](#), webinars for CEU credits, and multi-format resources to order for your patients with PD.

Community & Expert Information: [PD Health @ Home](#) (virtual events), [PD Conversations](#) (online forum), and the Helpline, **1-800-4PD-INFO** or Helpline@Parkinson.org staffed by health information specialists.

This partnership also provides an opportunity to raise awareness among healthcare professionals who treat people with PD outside of the VA health system about VA's resources and the needs of Veterans with PD.

The VHA/PADRECCs and the Parkinson's Foundation are excited about the potential of this new partnership to provide the PD community with the tools, resources, and support to better manage their health and improve their overall quality of life.

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