

Accessing Education for Support Group Participants

Introduction

Parkinson's NSW is committed to keeping people informed about the latest treatment options, research, programs and services through our education seminars and workshops.

These events are held regularly across regional and metropolitan New South Wales. They are available for Support Group participants and others living with Parkinson's, their partners, families and carers.

There are also specialised sessions to meet the needs of health professionals including General Practitioners, Allied Health practitioners and Aged Care nurses and support workers.

How to access the latest knowledge and advice

Following consultation with Parkinson's NSW Support Groups, a new holistic education program was launched across NSW in 2017. This was further expanded in 2018 and 2019.

Half-day seminars are organised over the calendar year across NSW in geographical areas where Parkinson's NSW has a Support Group presence. Speakers may include Neurologists, Parkinson's Specialist Nurses, Allied Health professionals and expert Parkinson's NSW staff.

All education seminars are evaluated through a post-session survey of all attendees. Feedback is then collated and the findings used to improve delivery of quality education services.

Since Parkinson's NSW is a for-purpose organisation that employs professional staff who are experts in their field, it is necessary to charge a nominal fee to all participants of education programs.

There is currently a fee of \$30 per person for each seminar. This includes catering costs for morning tea and lunch.

Support Groups can apply for grants to subsidise the costs of delivering Parkinson's education seminars in their area. These grants are often available through Local Government and community service organisations.

For more information on the schedule of upcoming education seminars look at:

- The Upcoming Events section of our monthly *InTouch* newsletter for Support Group participants
- The Upcoming Events section of our quarterly *Stand by Me* magazine
- The Events Calendar on the Parkinson's NSW web site:
<https://www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au/media-centre/event/>
- The Parkinson's NSW Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/parkinsonsnsw>

For inquiries on Parkinson's NSW education seminars and ideas on how to obtain funding to subsidise a seminar in your area, contact:

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