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Parkinson's disease – Lessons from the grave

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Since the 1990s medical research has been focused on large scale drug trials. Individual case histories have, largely, been ignored. It is always difficult to have a precise individual prognosis for people with Parkinson's (PWPs) as it is such a heterogenous disorder. However, a retrospective provides a blow by blow history of exactly how each case played out. It isn't perfect because we don't have the holy grail setting the successful protocol out for everyone to follow. This Poster is a preliminary attempt to gather such information with a magnificent seven cases who came together on their Parkinson journey via the ask the doctor forum when it was in the capable hands of Dr. Abraham Lieberman, of the Muhammed Ali Parkinson Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Giving the limited space available in a poster, the focus will be on the most important lesson from each case, especially if repeated in more than one of this small sample. Such Case Histories could be gathered from many surviving caregivers, although the process of grief and other recovery processes can be excruciatingly painful. Caregivers have only recently been given credit for their role and may still be overlooked for the valuable repository of real life information they represent.

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