

Parkinson Disease Foundation Clinical Research Learning Institute

The Parkinson Disease Foundation (PDF) funds scientific research and supports those afflicted with the disease as well as their families and caregivers through educational programs and support services. Founded in 1957, PDF has funded over \$70 million worth of research conducted throughout the world.

PDF announced recently the creation of a new clinical research learning institute, designed specifically for interested lay members of the Parkinson's community. The training provided the institute attendees will equip them with the skill sets needed to serve as leaders and knowledgeable patient representatives within clinical research – "advocating for the role of the patient in the process that brings medications and medical devices from research to market."

The new institute will be part of PDF's Advancing Parkinson's Therapies, a multi-faceted project designed to address non-science obstacles to moving forward with new therapies and treatments.

The inaugural session is being held in Glen Cove, New York from July 10th-12th. I am very excited to be selected to attend. More to come . . .

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Alternate meanings . . .

Gargoyle (n.) – an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Oyster (n.) – a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

Flatulence (n.) – the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Flabbergasted (adj.) – appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Negligent (adj.) – describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Abdicate (v.) – to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

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