# UNIFIED PARKINSON'S DISEASE RATING SCALE (UPDRS)

### I. MENTATION, BEHAVIOR AND MOOD

#### 1. Intellectual Impairment

- 0 = None.
- 1 = Mild. Consistent forgetfulness with partial recollection of events and no other difficulties.
- 2 = Moderate memory loss, with disorientation and moderate difficulty handling complex problems.

  Mild but definite impairment of function at home with need of occasional prompting.
- 3 = Severe memory loss with disorientation for time and often to place. Severe impairment in handling problems.
- 4 = Severe memory loss with orientation preserved to person only. Unable to make judgements or solve problems. Requires much help with personal care. Cannot be left alone at all.

### 2. Thought Disorder (Due to dementia or drug intoxication)

- 0 = None.
- 1 = Vivid dreaming.
- 2 = "Benign" hallucinations with insight retained.
- 3 = Occasional to frequent hallucinations or delusions; without insight; could interfere with daily activities.
- 4 = Persistent hallucinations, delusions, or florrid psychosis. Not able to care for self.

#### 3. Depression

- 0 = None.
- 1 = Periods of sadness or quilt greater than normal, never sustained for days or weeks.
- 2 = Sustained depression (1 week or more).
- 3 = Sustained depression with vegetative symptoms (insomnia, anorexia, weight loss, loss of interest).
- 4 = Sustained depression with vegetative symptoms and suicidal thoughts or intent.

#### 4. Motivation/Initiative

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Less assertive than usual; more passive.
- 2 = Loss of initiative or disinterest in elective (nonroutine) activities.
- 3 = Loss of initiative or disinterest in day to day (routine) activities.
- 4 = Withdrawn, complete loss of motivation.

# II. ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (for both "on" and "off")

#### 5. Speech

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mildly affected. No difficulty being understood.
- 2 = Moderately affected. Sometimes asked to repeat statements.
- 3 = Severely affected. Frequently asked to repeat statements.
- 4 = Unintelligible most of the time.

#### 6. Salivation

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Slight but definite excess of saliva in mouth; may have nighttime drooling.
- 2 = Moderately excessive saliva; may have minimal drooling.
- 3 = Marked excess of saliva with some drooling.
- 4 = Marked drooling, requires constant tissue or handkerchief.

#### 7. Swallowing

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Rare choking.
- 2 = Occasional choking.
- 3 = Requires soft food.
- 4 = Requires NG tube or gastrotomy feeding.

### 8. Handwriting

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Slightly slow or small.
- 2 = Moderately slow or small; all words are legible.
- 3 = Severely affected; not all words are legible.
- 4 = The majority of words are not legible.

#### 9. Cutting food and handling utensils

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Somewhat slow and clumsy, but no help needed.
- 2 = Can cut most foods, although clumsy and slow; some help needed.
- 3 = Food must be cut by someone, but can still feed slowly.
- 4 =Needs to be fed.

### 10. Dressing

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Somewhat slow, but no help needed.
- 2 = Occasional assistance with buttoning, getting arms in sleeves.
- 3 = Considerable help required, but can do some things alone.
- 4 = Helpless.

### 11. Hygiene

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Somewhat slow, but no help needed.
- 2 = Needs help to shower or bathe; or very slow in hygienic care.
- 3 = Requires assistance for washing, brushing teeth, combing hair, going to bathroom.
- 4 = Foley catheter or other mechanical aids.

### 12. Turning in bed and adjusting bed clothes

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Somewhat slow and clumsy, but no help needed.
- 2 = Can turn alone or adjust sheets, but with great difficulty.
- 3 = Can initiate, but not turn or adjust sheets alone.
- 4 = Helpless.

# 13. Falling (unrelated to freezing)

- 0 = None.
- 1 = Rare falling.
- 2 = Occasionally falls, less than once per day.
- 3 = Falls an average of once daily.
- 4 = Falls more than once daily.

### 14. Freezing when walking

- 0 = None.
- 1 = Rare freezing when walking; may have starthesitation.
- 2 = Occasional freezing when walking.
- 3 = Frequent freezing. Occasionally falls from freezing.
- 4 = Frequent falls from freezing.

### 15. Walking

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mild difficulty. May not swing arms or may tend to drag leg.
- 2 = Moderate difficulty, but requires little or no assistance.
- 3 = Severe disturbance of walking, requiring assistance.
- 4 = Cannot walk at all, even with assistance.

# 16. Tremor (Symptomatic complaint of tremor in any part of body.)

- 0 = Absent.
- 1 = Slight and infrequently present.
- 2 = Moderate; bothersome to patient.
- 3 = Severe; interferes with many activities.
- 4 = Marked; interferes with most activities.

### 17. Sensory complaints related to parkinsonism

- 0 = None
- 1 = Occasionally has numbness, tingling, or mild aching.
- 2 = Frequently has numbness, tingling, or aching; not distressing.
- 3 = Frequent painful sensations.
- 4 = Excruciating pain.

#### III. MOTOR EXAMINATION

### 18. Speech

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Slight loss of expression, diction and/or volume.
- 2 = Monotone, slurred but understandable; moderately impaired.
- 3 = Marked impairment, difficult to understand.
- 4 = Unintelligible.

#### 19. Facial Expression

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Minimal hypomimia, could be normal "Poker Face".
- 2 = Slight but definitely abnormal diminution of facial expression.
- 3 = Moderate hypomimia; lips parted some of the time.
- 4 = Masked or fixed facies with severe or complete loss of facial expression; lips parted 1/4 inch or more.

### 20. Tremor at rest (head, upper and lower extremities)

- 0 = Absent.
- 1 = Slight and infrequently present.
- 2 = Mild in amplitude and persistent. Or moderate in amplitude, but only intermittently present.
- 3 = Moderate in amplitude and present most of the time.
- 4 = Marked in amplitude and present most of the time.

### 21. Action or Postural Tremor of hands

- 0 = Absent.
- 1 = Slight; present with action.
- 2 = Moderate in amplitude, present with action.
- 3 = Moderate in amplitude with posture holding as well as action.
- 4 = Marked in amplitude; interferes with feeding.
- **22. Rigidity** (Judged on passive movement of major joints with patient relaxed in sitting position. Cogwheeling to be ignored.)
- 0 = Absent.
- 1 = Slight or detectable only when activated by mirror or other movements.
- 2 = Mild to moderate.
- 3 = Marked, but full range of motion easily achieved.
- 4 = Severe, range of motion achieved with difficulty.

# 23. Finger Taps (Patient taps thumb with index finger in rapid succession.)

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mild slowing and/or reduction in amplitude.
- 2 = Moderately impaired. Definite and early fatiguing. May have occasional arrests in movement.
- 3 = Severely impaired. Frequent hesitation in initiating movements or arrests in ongoing movement.
- 4 = Can barely perform the task.

# 24. Hand Movements (Patient opens and closes hands in rapid succession.)

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mild slowing and/or reduction in amplitude.
- 2 = Moderately impaired. Definite and early fatiguing. May have occasional arrests in movement.
- 3 = Severely impaired. Frequent hesitation in initiating movements or arrests in ongoing movement.
- 4 = Can barely perform the task.

- **25. Rapid Alternating Movements of Hands** (Pronation-supination movements of hands, vertically and horizontally, with as large an amplitude as possible, both hands simultaneously.)
- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mild slowing and/or reduction in amplitude.
- 2 = Moderately impaired. Definite and early fatiguing. May have occasional arrests in movement.
- 3 = Severely impaired. Frequent hesitation in initiating movements or arrests in ongoing movement.
- 4 = Can barely perform the task.
- **26.** Leg Agility (Patient taps heel on the ground in rapid succession picking up entire leg. Amplitude should be at least 3 inches.)
- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Mild slowing and/or reduction in amplitude.
- 2 = Moderately impaired. Definite and early fatiguing. May have occasional arrests in movement.
- 3 = Severely impaired. Frequent hesitation in initiating movements or arrests in ongoing movement.
- 4 = Can barely perform the task.

#### 27. Arising from Chair

(Patient attempts to rise from a straightbacked chair, with arms folded across chest.)

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Slow; or may need more than one attempt.
- 2 = Pushes self up from arms of seat.
- 3 = Tends to fall back and may have to try more than one time, but can get up without help.
- 4 = Unable to arise without help.

#### 28. Posture

- 0 = Normal erect.
- 1 = Not quite erect, slightly stooped posture; could be normal for older person.
- 2 = Moderately stooped posture, definitely abnormal; can be slightly leaning to one side.
- 3 = Severely stooped posture with kyphosis; can be moderately leaning to one side.
- 4 = Marked flexion with extreme abnormality of posture.

# 29. Gait

- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Walks slowly, may shuffle with short steps, but no festination (hastening steps) or propulsion.
- 2 = Walks with difficulty, but requires little or no assistance; may have some festination, short steps, or propulsion.
- 3 = Severe disturbance of gait, requiring assistance.
- 4 = Cannot walk at all, even with assistance.
- **30. Postural Stability** (Response to sudden, strong posterior displacement produced by pull on shoulders while patient erect with eyes open and feet slightly apart. Patient is prepared.)
- 0 = Normal.
- 1 = Retropulsion, but recovers unaided.
- 2 = Absence of postural response; would fall if not caught by examiner.
- 3 = Very unstable, tends to lose balance spontaneously.
- 4 = Unable to stand without assistance.
- **31. Body Bradykinesia and Hypokinesia** (Combining slowness, hesitancy, decreased armswing, small amplitude, and poverty of movement in general.)
- 0 = None.
- 1 = Minimal slowness, giving movement a deliberate character; could be normal for some persons. Possibly reduced amplitude.
- 2 = Mild degree of slowness and poverty of movement which is definitely abnormal. Alternatively, some reduced amplitude.
- 3 = Moderate slowness, poverty or small amplitude of movement.
- 4 = Marked slowness, poverty or small amplitude of movement.

### IV. COMPLICATIONS OF THERAPY (In the past week)

#### A. DYSKINESIAS

1 = Yes

# 32. Duration: What proportion of the waking day are dyskinesias present? (Historical information.) 0 = None1 = 1-25% of day. 2 = 26-50% of day. 3 = 51-75% of day. 4 = 76-100% of day. 33. Disability: How disabling are the dyskinesias? (Historical information; may be modified by office examination.) 0 = Not disabling. 1 = Mildly disabling. 2 = Moderately disabling. 3 = Severely disabling. 4 = Completely disabled. 34. Painful Dyskinesias: How painful are the dyskinesias? 0 = No painful dyskinesias. 1 = Slight. 2 = Moderate. 3 = Severe.4 = Marked.35. Presence of Early Morning Dystonia (Historical information.) 0 = No1 = Yes**B. CLINICAL FLUCTUATIONS** 36. Are "off" periods predictable? 0 = No1 = Yes37. Are "off" periods unpredictable? 0 = No1 = Yes38. Do "off" periods come on suddenly, within a few seconds? 0 = No1 = Yes39. What proportion of the waking day is the patient "off" on average? 0 = None1 = 1-25% of day. 2 = 26-50% of day. 3 = 51-75% of day. 4 = 76-100% of day. **C. OTHER COMPLICATIONS** 40. Does the patient have anorexia, nausea, or vomiting? 0 = No1 = Yes41. Any sleep disturbances, such as insomnia or hypersomnolence? 0 = No

### 42. Does the patient have symptomatic orthostasis?

(Record the patient's blood pressure, height and weight on the scoring form)

0 = No

1 = Yes

### V. MODIFIED HOEHN AND YAHR STAGING

STAGE 0 = No signs of disease.

STAGE 1 = Unilateral disease.

STAGE 1.5 = Unilateral plus axial involvement.

STAGE 2 = Bilateral disease, without impairment of balance. STAGE 2.5 = Mild bilateral disease, with recovery on pull test.

STAGE 3 = Mild to moderate bilateral disease; some postural instability; physically independent.

STAGE 4 = Severe disability; still able to walk or stand unassisted.

STAGE 5 = Wheelchair bound or bedridden unless aided.

#### VI. SCHWAB AND ENGLAND ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SCALE

100% = Completely independent. Able to do all chores without slowness, difficulty or impairment. Essentially normal. Unaware of any difficulty.

90% = Completely independent. Able to do all chores with some degree of slowness, difficulty and impairment. Might take twice as long. Beginning to be aware of difficulty.

80% = Completely independent in most chores. Takes twice as long. Conscious of difficulty and slowness.

70% = Not completely independent. More difficulty with some chores. Three to four times as long in some. Must spend a large part of the day with chores.

60% = Some dependency. Can do most chores, but exceedingly slowly and with much effort. Errors: some impossible.

50% = More dependent. Help with half, slower, etc. Difficulty with everything.

40% = Very dependent. Can assist with all chores, but few alone.

30% = With effort, now and then does a few chores alone or begins alone. Much help needed.

20% = Nothing alone. Can be a slight help with some chores. Severe invalid.

10% = Totally dependent, helpless. Complete invalid.

0% = Vegetative functions such as swallowing, bladder and bowel functions are not functioning. Bedridden.