



Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center Movement Disorders Clinic

at Barrow Neurological Institute®
A National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence

Background Information

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The Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center is a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence and a resource for people with Parkinson's disease and their families. The Center is located at Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in downtown Phoenix, Arizona.

The original 5,000 square-foot center opened in 1997. The expanded 10,000 square-foot facility opened in December 2009. It is located in the Lonnie and Muhammad Ali Pavilion on the Barrow campus.

By combining Barrow's renowned medical and research team, extensive physical occupational and speech therapy choices and unmatched educational and life-enhancing activities, the center is the most comprehensive Parkinson's disease center in the world. The facility also serves as a resource for people with other movement disorders.

A Look Inside

The new center includes: 10 exam rooms, a tremor exam room, a Botulinum toxin treatment room, a tilt room to help evaluate patients with orthostatic hypotension, It features physical, occupational, and speech therapy treatment areas with a focus on balance issues, a multipurpose room for education and recreation programs, a resource room with books, videos and computers and a store featuring adaptive equipment and books

Our Patients

More than 800 new patients were seen by the center's physicians in 2008. Patients are predominately from Arizona, but others come from around the United States.

Last year more than 2,000 people attended one of the Center's classes, activities or support groups. Educational staff from the center present information regularly at seminars around the United States.

The Center Staff

The center is headed by Dr. Abraham Lieberman, MD, who works with four additional neurologists at the Center's clinic (see Dr. Lieberman's biography). The center's medical staff is supported by the world-renowned neurosurgeons at Barrow and Barrow's extensive medical research team.

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Margaret Anne Coles, heads the center's programming, including its unparalleled educational efforts and community outreach. Critical to the success of the center is its broad bi-lingual (Spanish and English) activity and education programming which includes programs such as: **caregiver education, Tai Chi, ballroom dancing, golf therapy, music and art classes.**

Funding

The center is funded by donations. Its primary funding source is Celebrity Fight Night, an annual star-studded event that is attended by Muhammad and Lonnie Ali and has raised millions of dollars for the Center.

Ali Care

Ali Care was created to honor the commitment that Muhammad Ali and his wife, Lonnie, have made that all people with Parkinson's disease receive care, regardless of ability to pay. Through Ali Care, people with Parkinson's disease who have little or no healthcare insurance and limited financial resources receive healthcare and services that enhance quality of life.

Registry

The Parkinson's Disease Registry, developed by the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center, is a national database for persons with Parkinson's disease. It will be used to facilitate the development of new therapies and healthcare services. The registry is a means for investigators to quickly identify and notify people about research studies for which they are eligible. The Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center has enrolled more than 4,000 people in the registry.