

same as that prior to treatment. However, although the indices had the same value and the impact on independence was similar, the specific disabilities at the end of 10 years were not primarily motor- and tremor-related as in the initial situation, but tended more toward instability and dementia.

In a private communication, Dr. Thomas Presiozi of the Johns Hopkins University Hospital Neurology Department confirmed that about 80 percent of the deaths of Parkinson's disease patients are actually due to causes unrelated to the disease or its effects.