National Parkinson’s Awareness Day
Program

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Our speakers will be presenting on the following topics:

**A Better Understanding of Non-motor Symptoms of Parkinson’s Disease**

*Jessica Hedeman, DO – Hauenstein Center Mercy Health*

BIO: Jessica Hedeman, DO is a practicing Neurologist in Grand Rapids, MI. Dr. Hedeman graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine East Lansing in 2009 and has been in practice for 9 years. She completed a residency at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Hedeman also specializes in Psychiatry. She currently practices at Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences and is affiliated with Mercy Health Saint Mary’s.

**Moving Forward- Medications in Parkinson’s Disease**

*Emily Ruether, MD - Spectrum Health- Parkinson’s Clinic*

BIO: Dr. Emily Kate Ruether is a Neurology Specialist in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She graduated with Honors from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine in 2011. Having more than 7 years of diverse experiences, especially in Neurology, Dr. Emily Kate Ruether affiliates with many hospitals including Spectrum Health - Butterworth Campus, Spectrum Health United Memorial - United Campus, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial, Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital.

**Parkinson’s Research Update**

*Caryl Sortwell, PhD - Michigan State University*

Dr. Caryl Sortwell has been conducting Parkinson’s Disease (PD) research for over twenty (20) years and is part of the Grand Rapids-based MSU PD research team. She will be presenting an overview of ongoing clinical trials to slow or stop PD progression as well as highlighting a few new research findings that will lead to greater understanding of the disease.

**Wednesday**

April 11, 2018

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn

2321 East Beltline Ave. SE

Grand Rapids, MI  49506

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*We are looking forward to seeing at the event!*