

PARKINSON'S DISEASE and PARKINSONISM (Secondary)

All Classes
(Updated 02/22/2023)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Parkinson's Disease or Secondary Parkinsonism</p> <p>Current or historical diagnosis</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed neurological evaluation that meets FAA Specifications for Neurologic Evaluation, generated from a clinic visit with the treating neurologist no more than 90 days before the AME exam. 2. It must specifically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unified Parkinson's UPDRS-III motor rating scale; • Medication*: Comment on medications, side effects, and effectiveness of medication or treatment; • Describe findings if/when an individual misses a dose of medication; • Must discuss stability of the condition: Fluctuations of motor and cognitive function; dyskinesia, in response to the medication; and what is the pattern of fluctuations throughout the day; and • Autonomic dysfunction such as blood pressure fluctuation or orthostasis; <p>*Acceptable Medication(s): The only medication currently acceptable for aeromedical purposes is carbidopa + levodopa (in either long or short acting preparations).</p> 3. MRI brain (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) performed within the 12 months before the AME exam. <p>Submit the interpretive report on paper and imaging on CD in DICOM readable format (there must be a file named 'DICOMDIR' in the root directory of the CD-ROM). Please verify the CD will display the images before sending. You may wish to retain a copy of all films as a safeguard if lost in the mail.</p>	<p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.</p>

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	<p>4. A current Neuropsychological evaluation that meets FAA Specifications for Neuropsychological Evaluations for Potential Neurocognitive Impairment, generated from a clinic visit with the treating neuropsychologist no more than 90 days before the AME exam.</p>	
<p>B. Parkinson's Treated with Deep Brain Stimulator (DBS)</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Row A evaluation data 2. Operative report 3. DBS Status Summary <p>Note: DBS and lesioning therapy may carry a risk of cognitive impairment and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<div data-bbox="1167 436 1472 478" style="background-color: red; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.</p>