



## PARKINSON'S DISEASE NEWS

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### PARKINSON'S DISEASE IS PREVALENT AMONG NATIVE AMERICANS

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The objective of this study was to determine the prevalence of Parkinson's Disease among American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. Alaska Natives include Eskimos and Athabascan. Athabascan languages are spoken in Alaska and across north western Canada, and are quite distinct from American Indians.

The age adjusted prevalence of Parkinson's Disease was found to be 355 people per 100,000. This makes it the highest in North America, even beyond the 329 per 100,000 found in Nebraska, which was previously thought to have the highest prevalence of Parkinson's Disease in North America, and one of the highest in the world. The prevalence amongst Native Americans increased with age up until 84 years old, and was greater amongst men rather than women. For more concerning the prevalence of Parkinson's Disease go to the Prevalence of Parkinson's Disease : <http://viartis.net/parkinsons.disease/prevalence.htm>

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