



## PARKINSON'S DISEASE NEWS

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### NFL PLAYERS TREBLE THE RISK OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE

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Players in the NFL ("American" Football's National Football League) were found to have treble the risk of having a neurodegenerative disease generally. This included Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and ALS. The figures for Alzheimer's Disease were more than three times more likely, and the figures for ALS were more than four times more likely. The likelihood of developing Parkinson's Disease was less than these. Although the research suggests that concussions and repeated blows to the head are likely to blame for the increased risk, the researcher says multiple studies are needed to definitively blame concussions.

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