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EARLY WEIGHT LOSS IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Weight changes over time in people with Parkinson's Disease and in those with atypical parkinsonism and can be associated with an increased risk of dependency, dementia and death.

People with Parkinson's Disease are generally lighter than average. People with atypical Parkinsonism normally had lower body weights than people with Parkinson's Disease.



Weight loss was greater in people with Parkinson's Disease and even greater in people with atypical Parkinsonism. Only age was independently associated with significant weight loss, making it almost twice as likely as people age. When people with Parkinson's Disease lost weight within a year of diagnosis it was associated with a more than doubling of an increased risk of dependency, and a more than tripling of the risk of dementia, and a more doubling of the risk of death.

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