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THE INCIDENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE IS DECLINING

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A new study has found that the incidence of Parkinson's Disease has been declining for years. The incidence of Parkinson's Disease is the rate of new diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. The rate of annual decline was found to be somewhere between 1% and 6% depending on the criteria used. A rate of decline of 1% was obtained when symptoms and antiparkinsonian drugs were included. A rate of decline of 6% was obtained when only Parkinson's Disease diagnosis was considered.

Although increasing population means that there are more people with Parkinson's Disease overall, this is the first time that the chances of developing Parkinson's Disease has been found to be continuously decreasing. The incidence of Parkinson's Disease in this study was found to be 46% higher in men than in women. The incidence rates were 12% higher in urban areas, and slightly less in socially deprived areas. For a printable version of this article [click here](#). In order to refer to this article on its own [click here](#).

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