# Empowerment of Movement

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### Objectives

- ► How the Parkinson's Brain perceives movement
- Why does regular exercises or walking daily does NOT always help with gait and balance
- Ideal activities for people with PD

#### Parkinson's Brain

- Decreased perception of movement
- Delayed response
- Inadequate response

#### Exercise

- Needs challenge
- Greater than perceived norm
- Retraining of the brain

### Meaningful activities

- Activities of Daily Living
- General mobility
- Active stretching
- Positive reinforcement/ "Aha Moments"

## LSVT Big

Lee Silverman Voice Therapy, BIG

Exercise protocol designed for people with Parkinson's Disease that is based on an intensive amplitude-based exercise program for the limb motor system.

#### Protocol

- Sixteen, 1 hour individual sessions
- ▶ 4 times per week for 4 weeks
- Additional HEP to be done daily
  - Once a day on days of therapy and twice a day on days without therapy

#### Treatment Protocol

- Maximal Daily Tasks
  - Sustained Movements, Repetitive Movements, Functional Movements
- Hierarchy Tasks
  - ► ADLs, Walk & Talk, Tennis
- Carry over Tasks "Aha moment"

#### Studies

- Farley, et al. Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation Vol 24, No.2, pp.99-114
  - Improvement in gait speed and step length, balance, dual tasking, reaching lasting up to 3 months after treatment protocol
- Preliminary studies of BIG and LOUD suggest that the two therapies are complementary

## PWR Parkinson's Wellness Recovery

- Exercise program that focuses on task-specific training routines
- High repetition
- Flexible
- Incorporates other exercise approaches
  - Dancing, tai chi, boxing, pole walking

## LIVE Big!!!!