

MDS Parkinson's Disease Education Course for Industry Professionals
May 23, 2026 –Phoenix, Arizona

Course Director

7:15 – 8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome and Introduction Connie Marras, <i>Course Director</i>
8:15 – 8:45	What is Parkinson's? Staging/Biological Definitions & Implications for Clinical Trials David Standaert
8:45 – 9:15	Epidemiological Issues, Genetics and Environment Connie Marras
9:15 – 9:45	Neuroimaging, Fluid and Tissue Biomarkers and Their Role in Diagnosis and Clinical Trials Jon Stoessl
9:45 – 10:00	Panel Q&A
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:00	Initial Symptomatic Treatment David Standaert
11:00 – 11:45	Managing Complex Motor Aspects of PD: Medication and Surgical Interventions Roger Barker
11:45 – 12:15	Panel Q&A
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch and Meet the Experts
1:15 – 2:00	Nonmotor Parkinson's: Cognitive, Behavioral, Sleep and Autonomic Jon Stoessl
2:00 – 2:30	Clinical Outcome measures for PD clinical trials: Wearables and other outcome measures Luc Evers
2:30 – 3:00	Unmet Needs and Emerging Therapies for PD (disease modification, cell replacement/gene therapies) Roger Barker
3:00 – 3:15	Panel Q&A
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:15	Patient and Caregiver Roundtable Connie Marras and Shannon Chiu
4:15 – 4:30	Wrap Up
4:30	Adjourn