

Booth Gardner Parkinson's Care Center

Offering Comprehensive Movement Disorders Care

Deep Brain Stimulation Comprehensive Program

Tailored to the needs of patients who live at a distance from our Center

This program offers individualized comprehensive evaluations for patients considering Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) or patients with DBS. All patients are evaluated by a neurologist specialized in movement disorders and a nationally recognized DBS programmer and educator. When indicated, patients will see other members of our specialty team to include a physical therapist, occupational therapist, neuropsychologist, social worker and speech/swallowing specialist. After your visit, you and your physician will receive a summary of our evaluation and recommendations. If additional programming is needed, a detailed plan will be sent to your local programmer. We evaluate patients with Parkinson's disease, tremor, dystonia and any patient with existing Deep Brain Stimulation.

"The only thing better than surgery is getting reprogrammed and my life back." Patient testimony

DBS Program Options

Pre-surgical Evaluation:

- Full evaluation to determine if DBS surgery is a reasonable next step in your treatment including neurological and neuropsychological examination, detailed surgery overview, review of goals and limitations of surgery, discuss long-term care requirements and living with an implanted device

Patients with Deep Brain Stimulation:

- Long-term follow-up care
- Battery Check-ups
- Determine effectiveness of stimulation
- Establish the most effective DBS electrode and stimulation settings
- Determination and elimination of stimulation side effects
- Investigate hardware problems
- Determine how much is too much stimulation
- Incorporate our specialized rehabilitation team to optimize function
- Review and optimize medical therapies
- Review environmental and medical considerations living with DBS
- Admission to our inpatient rehabilitation unit if indicated
- Coordinate referrals to DBS surgical centers

You can help guide your appointments by completing the rest of this form. The comprehensive DBS program is often covered by insurance, including Medicare. Please call program assistant Robert Brazell at 425.899.3124 for more information about this program.

