Once a diagnosis is obtained, patients receive a personalized treatment plan focused on reducing disability and maximizing quality of life.

The combination of care options is unique, from prescription medicines to participating in clinical trials, and undergoing state-of-the-art neurosurgery. Exercise and physical therapy remain a priority.

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The Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center is working to deliver tangible improvements in patients’ lives every day.

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**FROM SUFFERING TO SUPPORT**

“When I was 13 years old, I noticed that I couldn’t draw a straight line or paint like other children in art class.” Shari Finsilver came from a family of essential tremor (ET) sufferers. By age 40, her case was advanced. “I had it in both hands and arms, along with a milder tremor in my head and voice. I could also feel it internally.”

For years, Shari tried to cope with her disease – even hiding it. That is, until she discovered that deep brain stimulation (DBS) could help her.

Doctors at Henry Ford Health System performed the DBS surgery, transforming Shari’s life. Everyday tasks were now possible – from cooking to taking change from a cashier and much more.

Shari started the first International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) support group in Michigan in 2001. In 2010, IETF presented her with the inaugural Spirit of Hope Award for her extraordinary efforts to bring hope to those suffering from essential tremor. In addition, Shari is a current member and the former Chair of the Council of Advisors for Henry Ford Health System’s Neuroscience Institute, and contributes to the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center. “With everyone working together, I pray that we can find a cure,” she says.

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