

Daily Medication and CAM Supplement Strategy for Treating Parkinson's (PD)#

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Therapy category#	Compound (natural product or pharmaceutical)	Amount taken and frequency	Suggested role either in treating PD or in slowing PD progression	Brand and Source (given in URL)
Medical (Prescription)	Carbidopa-Levodopa IR (generic for Sinemet) *IR = immediate release	25 mg/100 mg tablet x 10-12 tablets/day (4-5 hr intervals, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, and 2 tablets, respectively.	Levodopa is the precursor to dopamine and Carbidopa is an inhibitor to help prevent peripheral breakdown of Levodopa	Teva generic brand of IR carbidopa-levodopa
Medical (Prescription)	Neupro patch (Rotigotine dopamine agonist transdermal patch)	6 mg patch/day, apply in morning	Replaces dopamine	Alternate left and right shoulder
Medical (Prescription)	Entacapone (COMT inhibitor)	200 mg tablet, take with first 3 doses of carbidopa/levodopa	Prolongs levodopa half-life in peripheral tissue	Ajanta manufacturer
CAM (OTC) Started with powder for first 3 months	#Palmitoylethanolamine (PEA), ultramicrozoned powder	½ teaspoon (~800 mg) in apple sauce or peanut butter, morning and night	Reduces neuroinflammation, supports pain relief, and possibly neuroregenerative	Elevations Terpenes obtained from Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3zbjs4j

CAM (OTC) Alternative to powder (taking capsules only now)	*Palmitoylethanolamine (PEA), micronized capsule	1 capsule (400 mg), morning	Reduces neuroinflammation, supports pain relief, and possibly to promote neuro-regeneration	Nootropics Depot Palmitoylethanolamide Capsules (Amazon.com) https://amzn.to/3m1jPLg
CAM (OTC)	*Palmitoylethanolamine (PEA), micronized capsule + Luteolin (315 mg PEA and 15 mg luteolin) + Luteolin (50 mg)	1 capsule (315 mg PEA), 1 cap Luteolin, night	PEA supports pain relief, promotes healing, and possibly neuroregenerative. Anti-inflammatory property of luteolin.	X Gold Health (Amazon.com) https://amzn.to/3zeHrQe Double Wood (Amazon.com) https://amzn.to/3ZKuhpD
CAM (OTC) Take with vitamin B ₁	Magnesium L-Threonate	500 mg capsule, morning, and night	Supports brain/nerve health	Terapeutics for Life, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/31S9Xt1
CAM (OTC) Take with Mg Threonate	Vitamin B ₁ (Thiamin HCl)	100 mg capsule, morning, and night	Supports brain/nerve health	Swanson (100 mg, thiamin HCl, Amazon.com) https://amzn.to/3ku8P5f
CAM (OTC)	Taurine	500 mg capsule, daily	Neuroprotective and supports brain/nerve health	NOW Supplements, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/2morcxS
CAM (OTC)	Vitamin D ₃	5000 IU capsule, daily	Anti-inflammatory and supports brain/nerve health	NOW Supplements, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/2m6Ddal
CAM (OTC)	Vitamin C	500 mg chew-able tablet, daily	Anti-inflammatory and supports brain/nerve health	Kirkland Vitamin C, Tangy Orange chewable tablet, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3oik2H5
CAM (OTC)	Vitamin B ₁₂	1 sublingual tablet, 12,500 mcg, daily	Low levels can worsen some symptoms of Parkinson's	Kirkland Signature, Costco https://bit.ly/3ogVORB

CAM (OTC)	Melatonin (8-10 mg tablet)	1 tablet, evening	Treat insomnia in Parkinson's	Natrol, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3O6vHFt
CAM (OTC)	Probiotic Complex with 20 strains of probiotic bacteria (50 Billion CFU)	1 capsule, morning	Bacteria to lower the pro-inflammatory signals in GI tract and brain	NewRhythm, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3CRnoq4
*CAM (TC)	Sulforaphane (Activated and Stabilized)	1 capsule (20 mg), morning	Anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory activity, and may support dopaminergic neuron survival	Double Wood Supplement Amazon.com < https://amzn.to/3KhKaye >
^CAM (OTC) Take with GLY	N-Acetyl-Cysteine (NAC)	600 mg capsule, daily	Building block to glutathione. Antioxidant and neuro-protective	NOW Supplements, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/2muxRpP or Viitacost https://bit.ly/2mrECZn
^CAM (OTC) Take with NAC	Glycine (GLY)	500 mg capsule, daily	Building block to glutathione. Antioxidant and neuro-protective	Double Woods, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3wznKjr
^CAM (OTC)	Acetyl L-Carnitine (ALC) Take with ALA	500 mg capsule, daily	Anti-aging, anti-oxidative	Double Wood Supplements, https://amzn.to/3bZ4m5W
^CAM (OTC)	Alpha Lipoic Acid (ALA) Take with ALC	600 mg capsule, daily	Anti-aging, anti-oxidative	Superior Labs, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/3ogJRrb
+CAM (OTC)	Ashwagandha	650 mg capsule, daily	Reduces stress/anxiety, increase cognition	NutriRise, Amazon.com https://amzn.to/2lZzLYR

*Please read the blog post related to PEA to understand the dosing strategy.

*Trying Sulforaphane, an anti-inflammatory product for 3-4 months, thus, I am not currently taking ^NAC, ^GLY, ^ALC, and ^ALA.

+I have stopped taking Ashwagandha until I better understand its immunoregulatory properties.