

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Living With Huntington's Disease

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	AS WITH MANY NEURO-DEGENERATIVE CONDITIONS, HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE TAKES A TOLL ON MIND AND BODY.
Eric Ahlskog, M.D.	"IT'S A VERY SLOWLY PROGRESSIVE DISORDER. IT NEVER GOES AWAY, BUT EVERY YEAR, YOU'RE A LITTLE WORSE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR."
	MAYO CLINIC DR. ERIC AHLKOG SAYS THAT PHYSICALLY, PATIENTS CAN EXPERIENCE INVOLUNTARY MOVEMENT AS WELL AS PROBLEMS SWALLOWING, SPEAKING AND WALKING. BUT THERE CAN ALSO BE COGNITIVE

	PROBLEMS...
Dr. Ahlskog	“AND ALSO SOME PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS WHERE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE SAME SOCIAL GRACES AND THE SAME SENSE OF WHEREWITHAL... HOW THEY'RE INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE AND THE PROPRIETY OF THOSE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS.
	PEOPLE WITH HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ARE ALSO DISPORPORTIONATELY PRONE TO SUICIDE. THAT'S WHY DR. AHLKOG SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVING A PSYCHIATRIST INVOLVED EARLY ON.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.