

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

***Parkinson's Study***

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<p><b>Intro with music</b></p>	<p>GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.</p>
	<p>IN FOOTBALL, A GOOD BLOCK CAN BE THE KEY TO A TOUCHDOWN. BLOCKING CAN ALSO RESULT IN A BIG SCORE IN MEDICINE. ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN IS A PROTEIN THAT'S CONSIDERED A CENTRAL CAUSE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE. RESEARCHERS HAVE DEVELOPED A METHOD TO BLOCK THE PRODUCTION OF THIS PROTEIN...</p>
<p><b>Jim Maraganore, M.D.</b></p>	<p>"WE BELIEVE APPLYING THIS METHOD TO PATIENTS MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN SLOWING THE PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE OR EVEN HALTING IT."</p>
	<p>A HUGE STEP FORWARD</p>

	ACCORDING TO MAYO CLINIC DR. JIM MARAGANORE, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE CAN ONLY TREAT THE SYMPTOMS AND NOT THE DISEASE ITSELF. PLUS...
<b>Dr. Maraganore</b>	“ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN, ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEARLY THE ROSSETTA STONE TO PARKINSON’S DISEASE, IT ALSO IS TELLING US A LOT ABOUT OTHER NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS.”
	THERE ARE HURDLES, AND MUCH MORE STUDY IS NEEDED. BUT IF THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS HOLD TRUE THERE WILL BE LOTS TO CHEER ABOUT.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a> . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.