

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Parkinson's Drugs and Behavior Change

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	ANY MEDICATION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE SIDE EFFECTS. NOW, A STUDY SHOWS THAT TWO DRUGS COMMONLY USED TO TREAT PARKINSON'S COULD LEAD TO COMPULSIVE GAMBLING AND HYPERSEXUALITY. DR. MICHAEL BOSTWICK IS A MAYO CLINIC PSYCHIATRIST WHO SPEARHEADED THE STUDY
Michael Bostwick, M.D.	"BASICALLY, ONE IN ALMOST FIVE PEOPLE ON THESE THERAPEUTIC DOPAMINE AGONISTS ENDED UP DEVELOPING THESE COMPULSIVE BEHAVIORS."
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	<p>RETROSPECTIVE STUDY WHERE RESEARCHERS ANALYZED THE MEDICAL RECORDS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE PATIENTS, DR. BOSTWICK THINKS THE ACTUAL FREQUENCY MAY BE EVEN HIGHER THAN REPORTED.</p>
	<p>"IT EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE IN FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS OF CHECKING TO SEE IF THE PATIENT HAS DEVELOPED BEHAVIORS THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE."</p>
	<p>DR. BOSTWICK SAYS IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR PHYSICIANS TO WARN NOT ONLY PATIENTS, BUT ALSO THEIR FAMILIES THAT THESE CHANGES COULD HAPPEN, AND THAT IT COULD BE THE RESULT OF THE DRUGS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>