



# GRAND CHALLENGES IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE

## *Cell Vulnerabilities and Therapeutics • Sept. 23–24, 2024*

*Grand Challenges in Parkinson's Disease* brings together hundreds of scientists, clinicians and people with Parkinson's to explore the latest Parkinson's research. This year's symposium will highlight breakthroughs in our understanding of cell vulnerabilities, with a focus on how these advances inform new therapeutic strategies. Sessions will address:

- Non-cell autonomous effects of Parkinson's genes
- Cell vulnerability
- Cellular response to aggregates
- iPSC modeling
- Gene and immunotherapies
- Cell replacement therapies

Van Andel Institute and Cure Parkinson's are thrilled to once again host *Rallying to the Challenge*, a meeting designed for and by people with Parkinson's, advocates and care partners that delves into how the Parkinson's community can impact and accelerate research.

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The Jay Van Andel Award for Outstanding Achievement in Parkinson's Disease Research was established in 2012 in memory of Van Andel Institute founder Jay Van Andel, who battled Parkinson's disease for a decade before his death in 2004. The award is given to scientists who have made outstanding contributions to Parkinson's disease research and who have positively impacted human health.

Past recipients of the Jay Van Andel Award for Outstanding Achievement in Parkinson's Disease Research include:

- 2023: Virginia Y.M. Lee, Ph.D.
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- 2021: Ted Dawson, M.D., Ph.D.
- 2020: Daniela Berg, M.D.  
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- 2019: Ellen Sidransky, M.D.
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