

FDA OKs new drug as add-on treatment for Parkinson's

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U.S. regulators have approved the first new drug in a decade for Parkinson's disease, a neurological disorder that causes tremors and movement difficulties.

The Food and Drug Administration says it has approved Xadago (Zah-DAH'-goh) for use when a patient's regular medicines aren't working well.

The drug was tested in two six-month studies including a total of about 1,200 patients taking a standard treatment, levodopa.

According to the FDA, adding Xadago to levodopa decreased symptoms such as involuntary muscle [movement](#). Patients who took Xadago also had better control of movement, versus comparison groups in the studies given levodopa and dummy pills.

Milan, Italy-based Newron Pharmaceuticals developed Xadago. Side effects can include involuntary movement, nausea, falls, insomnia and hallucinations.

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