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Parkinson's disease affects both young people, like Michael J. Fox at age 29, and older people like senior citizens on Medicare. And this is the reason why we need a Parkinson's disease registry. We need data so that the state of Oregon is prepared to handle two types of Parkinson's cases:

1. A young person getting Parkinson's and trying to hold a stable job long enough to reach the magical retirement ages (65, 67, etc)
2. An older person who has already retired living off their retirement that they saved while they were working and young

Because I tell you what the state of Oregon is not prepared to handle younger generations leaving the workforce prematurely due to Parkinson's. It's an epidemic that is getting out of control which a registry will show.