

Considerations

Allow Extra Time[Adding time to parking meter](#)

Extra time should be given to these patients to complete ADLs. Lifestyle modifications can increase patient productivity, such as slip-on shoes or velcro ties on clothes to get dressed.

Ensure Patient Safety[Ensure Safety Net](#)

Ensure patient safety by assessing fall risk and the need for assistive devices to eat, dress, etc. Patients often freeze while walking due to muscle rigidity and are thus, at increased risk. Implement all fall risk precautions and provide an obstacle free living environment by removing fall hazards like throw rugs.

Surgery As Last Resort[Surgery Last Resort](#)

Stereotactic pallidotomy or thalamotomy may be indicated for serious symptoms in some patients. This involves creating a burr hole in the skull, placing an electrode in the pallidum in the brain and electrically stimulating the area of the brain tissue causing the motor problems. Eventually this area scars and the motor problem is resolved.