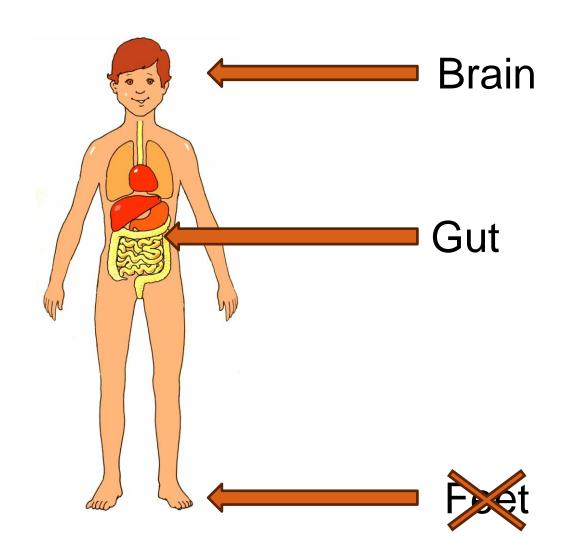
# The Brain and Gut in Parkinson's

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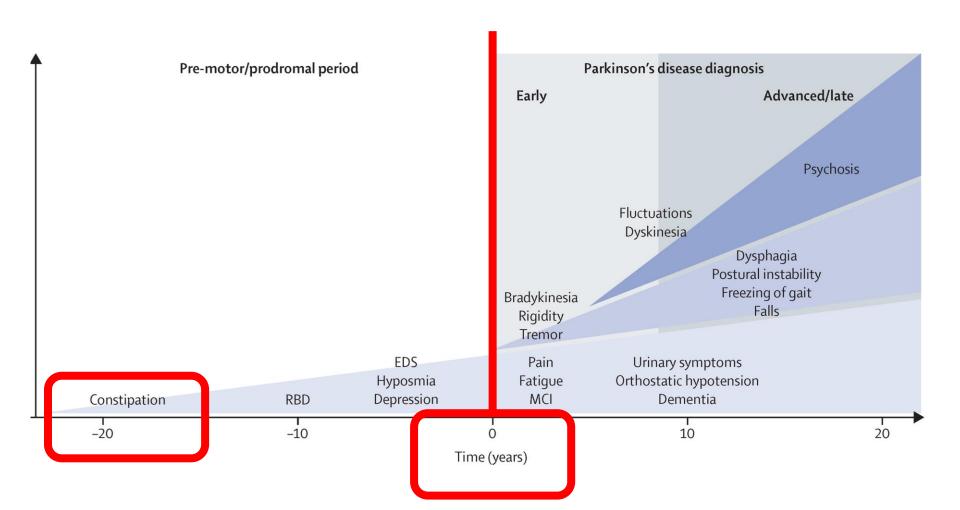
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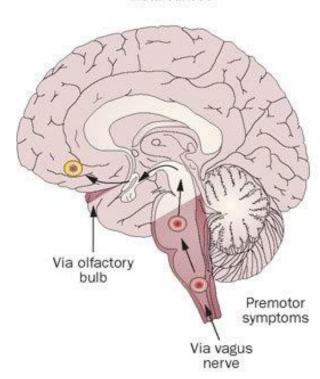




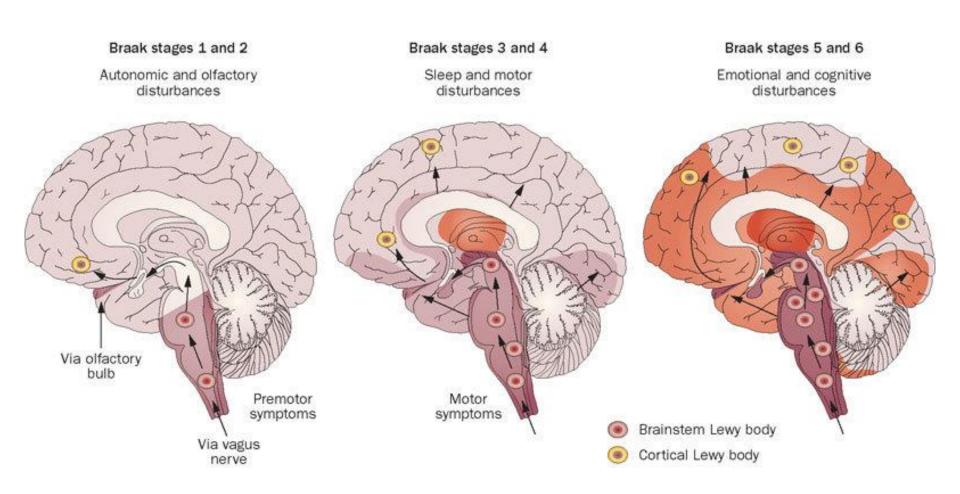
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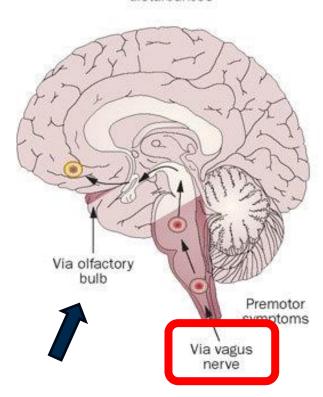


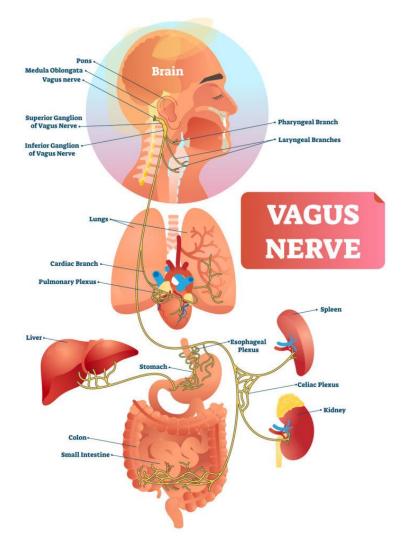
#### Braak stages 1 and 2 Braak stages 3 and 4 Autonomic and olfactory Sleep and motor disturbances disturbances Via olfactory bulb Motor Premotor symptoms symptoms Via vagus nerve



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#### **And other Autonomics**

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- Bladder function

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# outlook

#### The gut microbiome

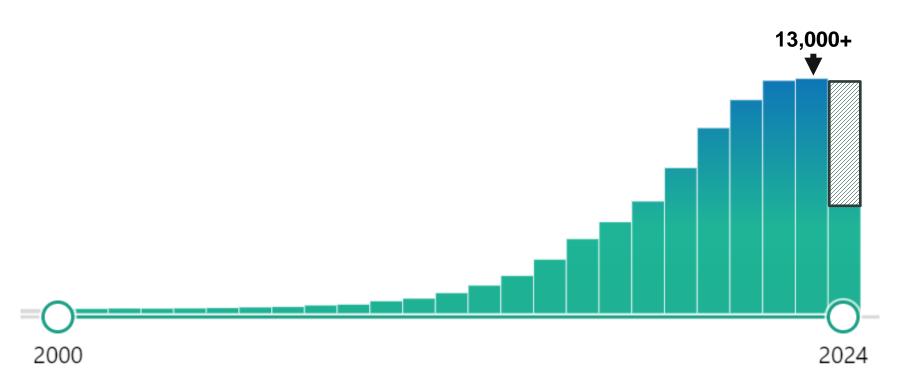


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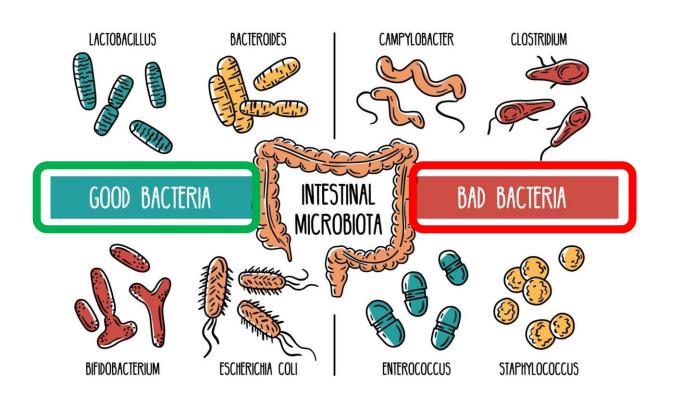
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### Number of Gut Microbiota Articles each year



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**Promotes inflammation** 



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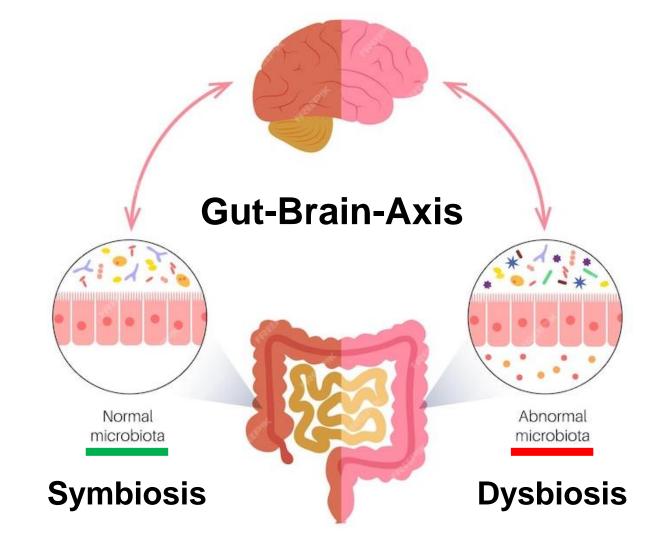
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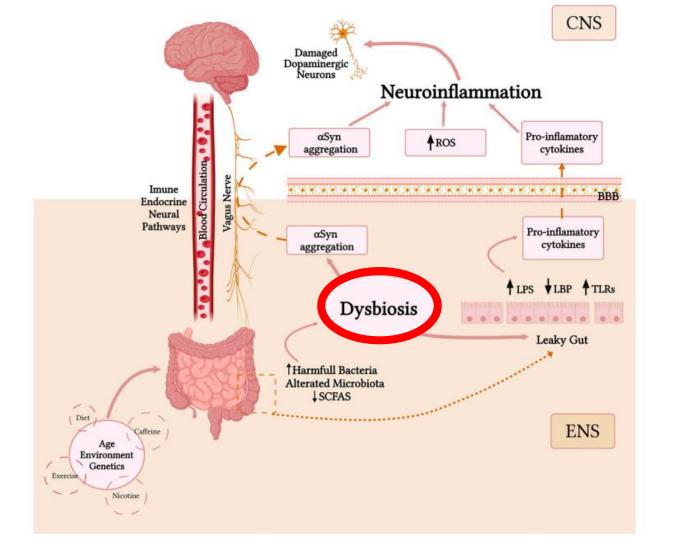
Enterobacteriaceae Clostridium Verrucomicrobia Akkermansia ... walking difficulties

... ↓↓ motivation

... hallucinations/delusions

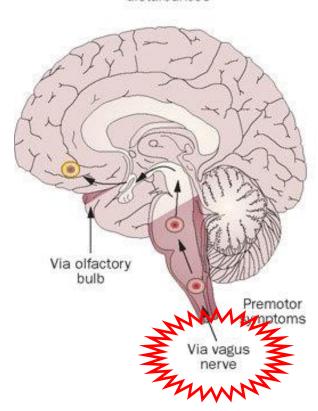
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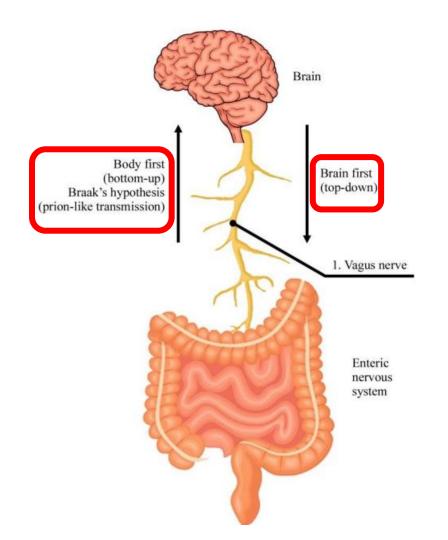


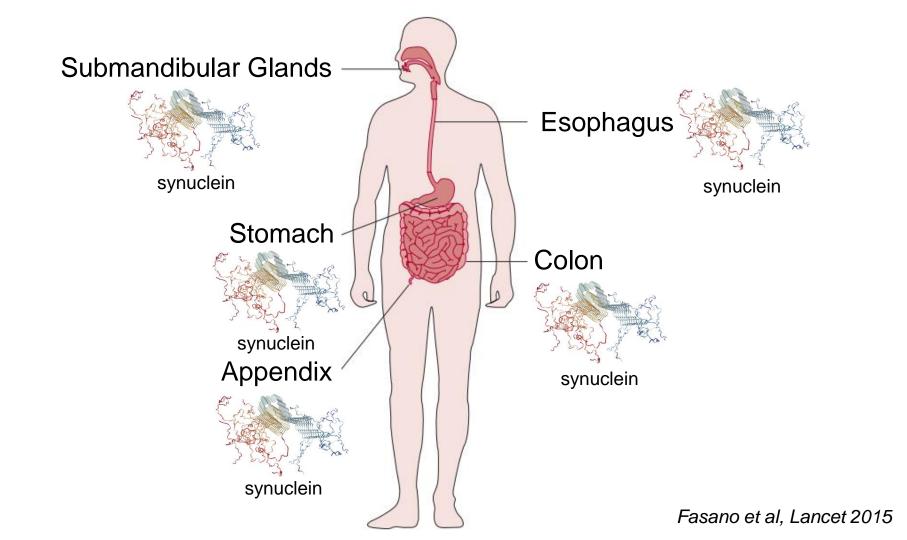


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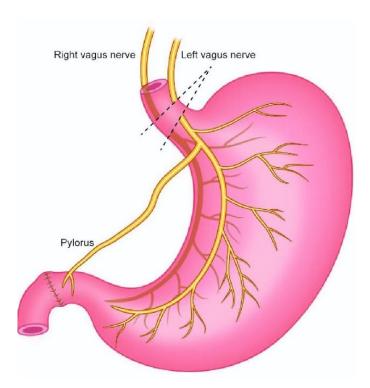
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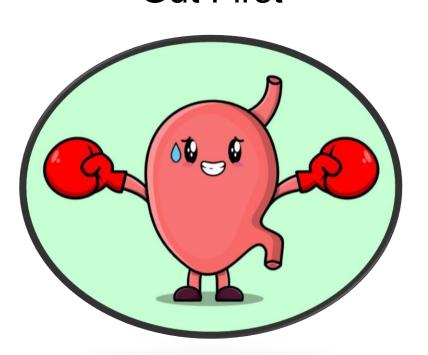
# Vagotomy and Subsequent Risk of Parkinson's Disease



### "Brain First"



### "Gut First"





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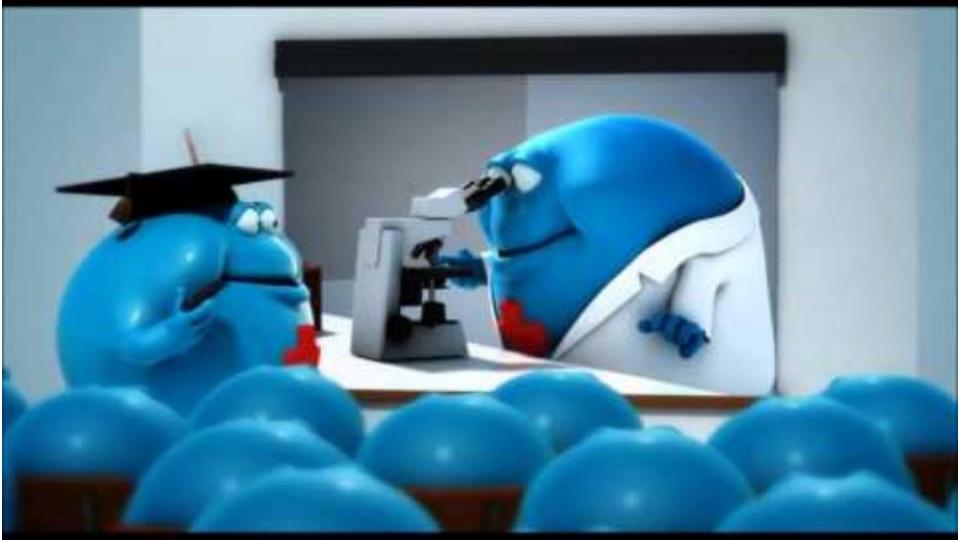
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#### FECAL MICROBIOTA TRANSPLANTATION







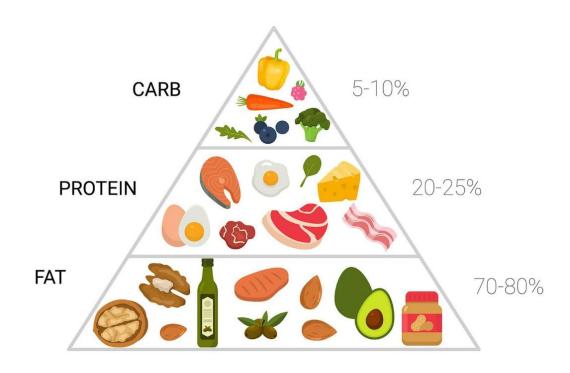
Probiotics... live microorganisms to improve gut health

Prebiotics... ... substrates intended to influence gut microbiota

Synbiotics... a combo of probiotics and prebiotics

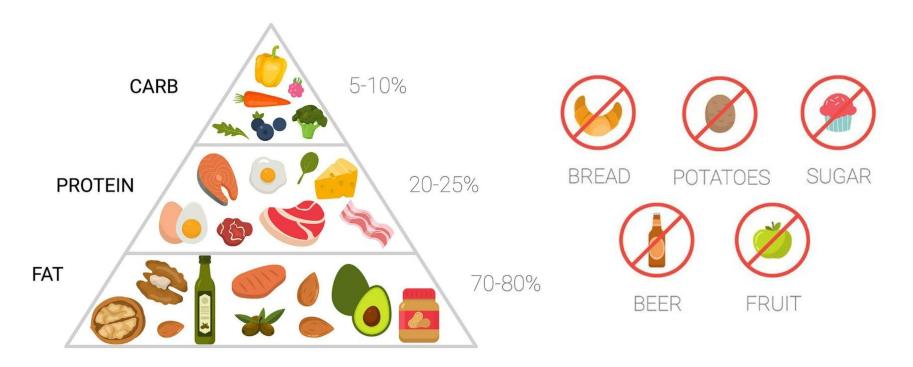
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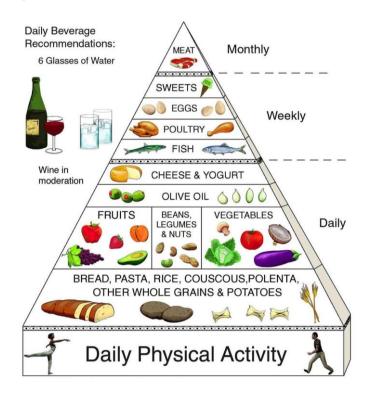
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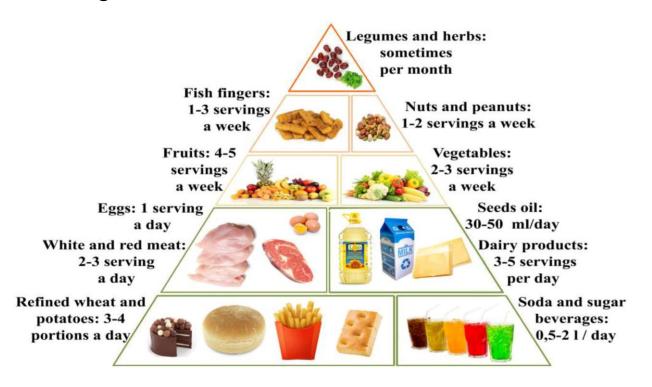
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~ High Fiber, Whole Natural Foods ~

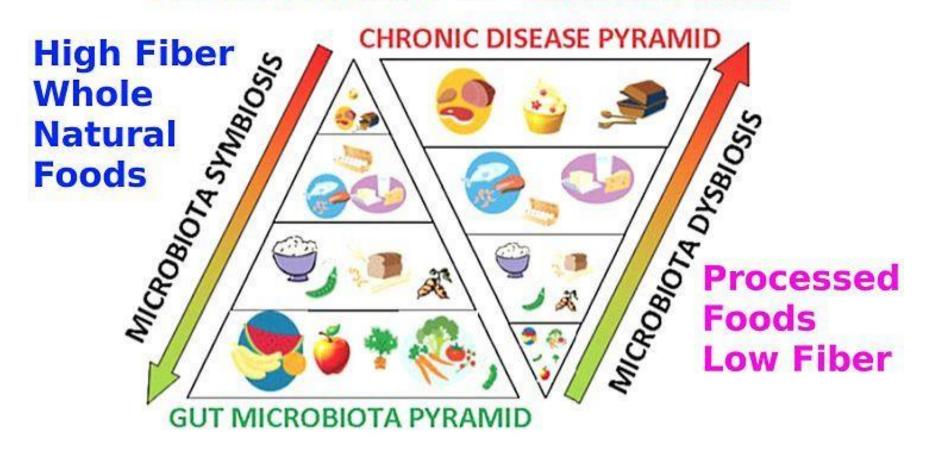


## The Western Diet

~ High Fats, Refined Carbs, Animal Proteins ~



#### Mediterranean vs Western Diet





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#### **THANK YOU**

## **QUESTIONS**

