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### **Drug-Induced Parkinsonism**

Clinical clues that suggest a drug-induced etiology of parkinsonism include subacute bilateral onset with progression of symptoms time-locked with medication intake, early presence of postural tremor, and concurrent oral-buccal dyskinesias. Risk factors for drug-induced parkinsonism include exposure to piperazine side chain neuroleptics, advanced age, female gender, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, and coexistence of tardive dyskinesia, among others.

To learn more about drug-induced parkinsonism, access an article by Maria Alvarez and Virgilio Evidente entitled “Understanding drug-induced parkinsonism” (*Neurology* 2008;70:e32-34):

<http://www.neurology.org/cgi/content/full/70/8/e32>

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