Neurological Disease Statistics
Over 6 million people in the United States suffer from some kind of degenerative neurological condition.

Parkinson Disease
(www.apdaparkinson.org/user/AboutParkinson.asp)
- The American Parkinson Disease Association estimates that more than 1.5 million people in the United States have Parkinson disease.
- More than 2.3 million dollars a year is allocated by the APDA to support research.

Alzheimer’s Disease
(www.alz.org/AboutAD/Statistics.asp)
- The Alzheimer’s Association estimates that 4.5 million people in America have Alzheimer’s disease and that 19 million people have a family member with the disease.
- The number of American’s with Alzheimer’s disease has more than doubled since 1980. By 2050, the number could range from 11.3 million to 16 million.
- More than 7 out of 10 people with Alzheimer’s disease live at home, where family and friends provide almost 75 percent of their care.
- The average lifetime cost of care for an individual with Alzheimer’s disease is $174,000.
- National direct and indirect costs of caring for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease are at least $100 billion.
- Alzheimer’s disease costs American businesses $61 billion a year. Of that figure, $36.5 billion covers costs related to caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer’s, including lost productivity, absenteeism and worker replacement. The remaining $24.6 billion covers Alzheimer health care.

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)
(www.psp.org/education_center/facts_about.asp)
- According to the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, this is an under-recognized brain disease without firm estimates of the prevalence.
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- Experts from the Society estimate that 20,000 Americans have been diagnosed with PSP, while many others have PSP but have been misdiagnosed.

Multiple Sclerosis
(www.nationalmssociety.org/Who%20gets%20MS.asp)
- Every week about 200 people are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in America and an estimated 400,000 suffering from the disease, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig Disease)
(www.alsa.org/als/who.cfm?CFID=1526074&CFTOKEN=13289409)
- The ALS Association estimates that 30,000 Americans have ALS.