

## **SIU Med School Sponsors Parkinson's Disease Educational Forum**

Parkinson's disease is the topic of a public educational forum to be presented in April by the Center for Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. It will be held Saturday morning, April 24, in the Wedeberg Conference Center at Memorial Medical Center, 701 N. Miller St., Springfield.

The forum will provide general information about the disease as well as information on services available through SIU's center, which is a program of the medical school's neurology department.

The sessions begin at 9 a.m. with "Limitations of Medications in Advanced Parkinson Disease" by Dr. Rodger J. Elble, Ph.D., professor and department chair of neurology at SIU. The remaining sessions are "Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery" by Dr. Jeffrey Cozzens, professor and division chair of neurosurgery at SIU; "Exercises for PD Patients" by Mark L. Gerberding, physical therapist at Circle Rehabilitation Services; and "Non-Motor Problems in Parkinson Disease" by Charlene Young, nurse practitioner in neurology and on the staff of SIU's center.

The forum is free to the public and refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the visitor lots located east and south of the hospital's main entrance.

Reservations are requested and can be made by contacting Leslie Randolph, SIU's Center for Parkinson Disease, at 217-545-7181 weekdays or e-mail [lrandolph@siumed.edu](mailto:lrandolph@siumed.edu).