



2020 was a tremendous year for many and we thank you for your support during this historic time. Through your generous contributions, LBDA was able to: expand online support services; provide a streamlined website for online resources; expand the LBDA Research Centers of Excellence network; increase support services staff to better aid those living with LBD and their families; and advance scientific funding for the treatment, and potentially a cure, of Lewy body dementias.

Thank you for supporting the LBD community and for being a part of the LBDA family. We appreciate all that you have done.



Having an updated list of all your medications gives you the ability to help your health professionals give the best care possible. The advice and recommendations they give to you can only be based on the information they are provided - both in standard appointments and medical emergencies.

Discover what information you need to collect and provide your medical professional by visiting the link below.

[Managing Medications](#)



Advocacy

VIETNAM VETERAN BENEFITS

We did it! Working together, advocates for veterans, Parkinson's and LBD called on Congress to support the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act. As a result, Vietnam veterans who developed parkinsonism because of their service now qualify for VA benefits!

And LBDA applauds Congress's bipartisan effort to take it over the finish line. Despite the veto from President Trump, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2021 with a veto-proof majority on January 1st. The Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act was included in the NDAA, which called for bladder cancer, parkinsonism, and hypothyroidism to be included as conditions presumed to be a result of service-related exposure to Agent Orange.

This marks a major new pathway for Vietnam vets with LBD. Parkinsonism is a common symptom of LBD and includes muscle rigidity and slowed movements. Previously, only those who had a formal diagnosis of Parkinson's disease could qualify.

Thank you to our passionate advocates for your efforts on behalf of Vietnam Veterans with LBD!



The Social Security Administration (SSA) will continue to provide help to you and the LBD community throughout the pandemic.

While walk-in services are currently not provided due to COVID-19, ongoing benefits and vital services are still available. They remain ready and able to help via phone with most Social Security matters.

Learn how to best reach SSA and about the services they are providing during the ongoing pandemic by visiting the link below.

[Social Security Administration Help](#)



The Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA) is hosting a series of 3 (three) educational webinars for physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, PAs, and healthcare providers who care for patients living with Lewy body dementia. The series is titled *The Virtual Assessment in Lewy Body Dementia: Pandemic and Beyond*. Each webinar is free and CME credit will be provided.

- March 4 at 3PM ET: The Approach to Clinical Care via Telemedicine
- April 8 at 9AM ET: Understanding Current Research on Virtual Assessment
- May 27 at 10AM ET: Impact of COVID-19 in Those with LBD

[Learn More & Register](#)



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