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I have recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. The progression of this Disease is different for everyone. For some it moves slowly, but for others disability progresses rapidly. For some, but not all patients, the end stages can bring agonizing pain that does not respond to pain medication. Some patients experience dementia that would preclude them from seeking relief because at that point they would not be considered "of sound mind." My hope for myself, and for all people, is that a compassionate end to suffering can be available to those who have expressed their preference before succumbing to mental decline, and with the agreement of their doctor, can be granted death with dignity.