

James Parkinson FGS (11 April 1755 – 21 December 1824) was an English surgeon, apothecary, geologist, palaeontologist and political activist. He is best known for his 1817 work *An Essay on the Shaking Palsy*, in which he was the first to describe “[paralysis agitans](#)”, a condition that would later be renamed [Parkinson's disease](#) by Jean-Martin Charcot.

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