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Stellingen
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Apathy, fatigue and Quality of Life in patients with
Parkinson's disease

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1. The overall burden of non-motor symptoms in treated patients with Parkinson's disease is more important than their motor status.

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2. Fatigue is one of the most important determinants of worse quality of life in Parkinson's disease.

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3. Fatigue in the absence of depression compared to fatigue in the presence of depression should be considered as a separate construct in future research.

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4. Fatigue in the absence of depression is mostly unrelated to dopaminergic dysfunction.

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5. Apathy in Parkinson's disease is the major clinical determinant of mental fatigue in the absence of depression.

this thesis
6. Presence of apathy should be carefully evaluated as it may herald the onset of cognitive dysfunction.
7. The presence of some non-motor symptoms such as apathy is more important for the patient's caregiver than for the patient himself.
8. Active screening for non-motor symptoms during each visit is crucial for adequate management of Parkinson's disease.
9. Keep up with the literature – the eyes can't see what the mind does not know.

David Marsden
10. Two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I am not yet sure about the universe.

Albert Einstein