

Aspartame Docket #02P-0317

Is there a relationship between aspartame and Parkinson's disease?

No. A scientific study done at Georgetown University has shown that aspartame has no effect on Parkinson's disease (PD). Further, the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., (NPF) states that there is no evidence indicating that aspartame is linked to PD or multiple sclerosis (MS):

“The cause of MS and PD are unknown, and both disorders existed before aspartame was invented, there is no evidence aspartame blocks the absorption of levodopa.” (Levodopa is the major drug used to treat PD.)

The NPF is the largest organization serving persons affected by PD throughout the world. The Foundation supports research for a cure and programs dedicated to improving care and quality of life. NPF provides information, support, and education for persons with Parkinson, their families, and health care professionals.

In addition, the NPF web site notes, “Aspartame has been approved as safe for human consumption by the United States Food and Drug Administration, by regulatory authorities in over 90 countries.”

For more information regarding the National Parkinson Foundation and its assessment of the safety of aspartame, please visit:

<http://www.parkinson.org/site/apps/s/content.asp?c=9dJFJLPwB&b=108269&ct=89681>.

For your convenience and reference this information has also been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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