



## MYRTLE ELLIS FUND

supporting rare dementia

**Founded in 2007 by the family of Myrtle Ellis following her diagnosis of Posterior Cortical Atrophy, the Fund exists to provide support, information and advice to individuals with rare forms of dementia and their carers.**

The *Myrtle Ellis Fund* provides regular support group meetings, newsletters, telephone contact networks, websites and access to information and advice for people affected by three conditions:

- Posterior Cortical Atrophy (PCA) – a progressive disorder of vision which affects skills such as reading, driving and seeing what and where things are. PCA involves damage to the brain not the eyes and is most commonly caused by Alzheimer's Disease
- Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) – a degenerative condition associated with the gradual loss of the ability to understand and/or produce speech

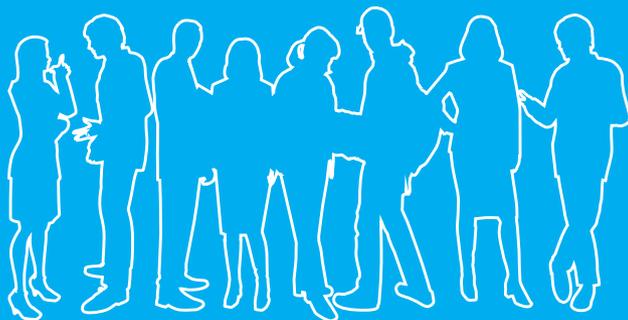
- Familial Alzheimer's Disease (FAD) – the rare, directly genetically inherited form of Alzheimer's disease which runs in families and typically affects people in their 30s, 40s and 50s.

If you or someone you know might benefit from the services provided through these support groups, please contact our nurse coordinator Jill Walton ([jill.walton@ftdsg.org](mailto:jill.walton@ftdsg.org) / 07592 540 555) or visit our website: [www.pcasupport.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.pcasupport.ucl.ac.uk)

The Myrtle Ellis Fund is part of *The National Brain Appeal* (charity number 290173). Formerly known as The National Hospital Development Foundation, it is dedicated to raising vital funds for *The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery*, Queen Square, London.

For more information on the work of the Fund or to make a contribution, please contact *The National Brain Appeal* on 020 3448 4724 or go to: [www.justgiving.com/Myrtle-Ellis-Fund](http://www.justgiving.com/Myrtle-Ellis-Fund)

# primary progressive aphasia



[PPA]

SUPPORT GROUP

[www.dementia.ion.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.dementia.ion.ucl.ac.uk)

**Primary Progressive Aphasia [PPA] is a group of disorders in which people develop progressive loss of their language abilities. Within PPA, a number of different problems are seen:**

- Progressive non-fluent aphasia [PNFA] where people have difficulties with speech production
- Semantic dementia [SD] where people have difficulties finding the right word and understanding speech
- Logopenic or phonological aphasia [LPA] where people have difficulties with finding words and short term memory

PPA falls within a larger group of disorders known as frontotemporal dementia [FTD]. This is a group of conditions caused by loss of cells in the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain.

A diagnosis of any kind of cognitive impairment brings concerns and questions for both those with the disease, their families and friends. When it affects younger people and when the form of dementia is rare, then the problems that may be faced can be complex.

*The PPA support group is run through the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and holds several meetings a year. A newsletter is published and circulated to members between meetings and the group offers the opportunity for contact with other people who have experienced a diagnosis of Primary Progressive Aphasia.*

For more information please visit:  
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