

## Different Diagnosis Table

<b>Common Misdiagnoses</b>	<b>Distinguishing features</b>
Essential tremor (ET)	Tremor (action/postural) is the only or predominant feature; no response to PD drugs
Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP)	Supranuclear downgaze palsy; square-wave jerks; upright posture; pseudobulbar affect; early gait instability; dysphagia
Multiple system atrophy (MSA)	Autonomic disturbance, cerebellar signs, relative absence of tremor; early gait instability; dysphagia
Corticobasal degeneration (CBD)	Limb apraxia; cortical sensory abnormalities; coarse unilateral tremor; early dementia
Diffuse Lewy body dementia (LBD)	Early dementia; psychosis; agitation
Alzheimer's disease	Dementia is the primary symptom
Drug-induced parkinsonism	Exposure to dopamine-blocking drugs; lack of rest tremor and asymmetry
Vascular parkinsonism	History of chronic hypertension; stepwise progression (if any); unilateral; imaging

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