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Breaking News

SPARK NS and Haukeland University Hospital Begin Parkinson's Clinical Trial

by Susan Thomas
SPARK NS Communications Director

SPARK NS and Haukeland University Hospital have launched **D-SPARK**, a clinical trial evaluating orally administered D-Serine as a potential neuroprotective treatment for Parkinson's disease.

The trial is the first to emerge from the SPARK NS Translational Research Program, initiated in 2023 and currently supporting 22 Parkinson's and autism projects in the US, UK, and Europe.

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Celebrating a Milestone: First Patient Enrolled in the D-SPARK Clinical Trial

(Yes... We had two cakes!)



When Motherhood Meets Science

by Ariella Bersan, SPARK NS Senior Manager of Communications and Marketing



Sometimes knowledge and purpose intersect to drive change where it's needed most. At a recent **SPARK NS short course** that idea came to life in the stories of three women: Kristin Jacobson, MBA; Špela Mirošević, PhD; and Soo-Kyung Lee, PhD.

Discover how they are transforming personal challenges into scientific progress—and bringing hope to children with neurodevelopmental conditions and their families.

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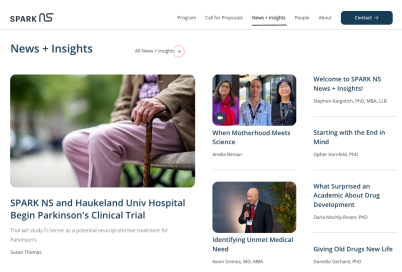
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