

WHAT IS PPA?

- Primary progressive aphasia (PPA) is a neurodegenerative condition that impacts the ability to speak, comprehend, read and write.
- PPA is caused by neurodegenerative disease.
- Neurodegenerative disease is an umbrella term for a range of conditions which affect the neurons in the brain and causes them to not function correctly.
- In PPA, the disease initially starts in the language center of the brain, in the frontal and temporal lobes.
- The disease spreads over time, so it becomes more difficult for people with PPA to communicate.
- The disease eventually spreads to other areas of the brain and can cause other cognitive symptoms, such as memory loss, executive function deficits, or personality changes.
- There currently is no cure for PPA.