

Helpful Tips

Physical Impact

- PDPN may be painful for all involved
- PDPN may limit daily activities
- PDPN may restrict energy and motivation

Financial Planning

- Prepare for increased medical expenses
- Budget template at www.theacpa.org
- Medicare plans at www.Medicare.gov

Self-Care

- **Regular medical checkups** are important for yourself and the person with PDPN.
- **Biofeedback** is one of several relaxation techniques. You can learn these techniques at www.theacpa.org
- **Positivity** is a type of mindfulness that helps caregivers encourage the person with PDPN to find healthy motivation



Always discuss caregiving with your healthcare team. Healthcare teams will offer suggestions on treatment options,

adherence, healthy lifestyles, finding support, and medically relevant financial concerns. Members of healthcare teams may include nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, physical therapists, and nutritionists.

Support Groups for Caregivers



American Chronic Pain Association
www.theacpa.org

The Family Caregivers Alliance
www.caregiver.org

National Alliance of Caregivers
www.caregiving.org



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PDPN

Painful Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy

Caregiver

It's okay to care for yourself.

You can't care for others if
you don't **take care** of
yourself first.

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What is PDPN?

- Nerve damage caused by diabetes
- Leads to pain in your feet or hands
- Often presents with depression & anxiety

Understanding the Situation

- Significant impact on the caregiver
- Adjustments for everyone involved
- Two sides to every PDPN experience

Emotions of the PDPN Caregiver

- Why did this happen?
- How can I help?
- Will I be capable?



Caregiver Self-Care



Form a Healthy Daily Routine

Encourage the Person with PDPN
Make Time and Enjoy a Hobby
Call or Meet a Positive Friend
Educate Yourself on PDPN
Enjoy Some Personal Time
Plan and Follow Through
Keep on Schedule
Compassion



3 Steps to Balancing



Life & Caregiving



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Share Healthy Daily Routines

Adhere to a PDPN management plan
Practice relaxation techniques
Schedule regular checkups
Talk + listen and vice versa
Join a support group
Low impact exercise
3 healthy meals
Sleep 7-9 hours
Stay positive
Budget



Person with PDPN



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