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| *“The nurses left me with lots of leaflets and I made the mistake of reading every one of them. I felt worse after my diagnosis and was devastated at first” QPwP*  *“The medication has only recently started working. It’s taken a long time to get the dosage right. I am now more myself” QPwP*  *It’s horrendous (the medication). Made me feel worse. I worked on a switchboard then and I fell” QPwP*  Compulsive behavior (gambling) and frightening nightmares occurred in 2 patients as a side effect of their PD medication. Both patients were eventually offered alternative medications and the problems stopped (Table 2: quotes 4–5).  *“It made me start gambling. I got into it really bad and I never had any addictions before”*  *“I had terrible nightmares before the patches, and hallucinations. I still have those, I see things going past me” QPwP*  The patients were prescribed 7 different PD medications overall, and it appears that most prescriptions were altered over time in order to find the right drug and dosage for each individual.  Several interviewees felt that a lack of interdisciplinary cooperation between health professionals led to unwarranted challenges to their care (Table 2: quotes 10,13).  *“I cannot get a repeat prescription automatically and I need to see the doctor. Controversial as I can’t get in to see the doctor” QPwP*  *“The diabetic nurse says she would like to change things but the consultant says no, leave it as it is” QPwP*  All interviewees reported regular appointments with their General Practitioner (GP), PD nurse, and neurologist, but not access to the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) that is recommended  for maintaining Quality of Life (QOL). | |