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| The key to bridging the present and managing symptoms meant addressing three questions: What medication? When to take it? and How often?  Participants generally worked within the overall parameters set by the PDNS and the consultant geriatrician, but as they became expert, they experimented with dosages or times to maximise the beneficial impact of medication on their lives and maintain stability. The challenges this posed were vividly described by Charlotte:  *But once this prescription wears, this medication wears off if I don’t take the tablets in good time I’m absolutely stuck, you know I’m like a pillar of salt really. Do you know the story about Lot’s wife, I wonder if she had Parkinson’s (laughing). (Interview 5) QPwP*  Maintaining stability required working with time and being acutely aware of the relationship between time, medication and symptoms:  *As I say I, I usually get about five, six hours out of one lot of medication, it only lasts about four now, I can feel it wearing off so then I’m sort of just hanging around as long as I can before I take the other one, the other, and then within about half an hour I’m back, I’m fairly, fairly good then.*  *(Charlotte, Interview 4) QPwP* | |