Abstract: This study aimed to explore the changes in communicative functions as well as how these changes were perceived among individuals with Parkinson disease using the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health framework. Semistructured interviews (n = 14) were conducted, transcribed verbatim, and analyzed using thematic analysis method. Five main themes and 14 subthemes were emerged from the interviews: "communication breakdown," "physical functioning," "social interaction," "emotional reaction," and "coping with Parkinson disease." Applying International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health framework gives a holistic description for patients' challenges and assists speech-language pathologists to improve their services.

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