What is DaTscan:

- DaTscan is the first and only FDA-approved visual adjunct imaging agent to aid in the differentiation between essential tremor and parkinsonian syndromes.

- Signs and symptoms of a parkinsonian syndrome can be misleading or mimic other conditions like essential tremor, especially during early stages of the disease and in the elderly.

- DaTscan was not designed to distinguish between the different types of parkinsonian syndromes, but can be used to help differentiate essential tremor from tremor due to a suspected parkinsonian syndrome.

- In a normal scan, the imaging agent’s activity will appear as mirrored comma or crescent shapes if sufficient dopamine transporters (DaT) are intact or not affected. In an abnormal scan, the activity will appear in circular or oval shapes on one or both sides.

Consult with your physician to see if DaTscan is appropriate for you.
To request an appointment with a neurologist, visit houstonmethodist.org/neuro-sl and fill out the form, or call 281.274.7979.