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Brochures & Flyers

Here are a compilation of brochures and flyers highlighting various opportunities for people with aphasia.

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QUARTERLY MEETING

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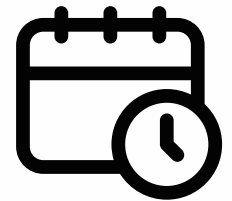
ZOOM LUNCH AND LEARN

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WEDNESDAY

SEPT
6
2023

AT
12
PM



eastern standard time

SAVE THE DATE



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Newsletter

August 2023

Community Groups

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FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT ADLER APHASIA CENTER

Aphasia Communication Groups



Practice communication skills

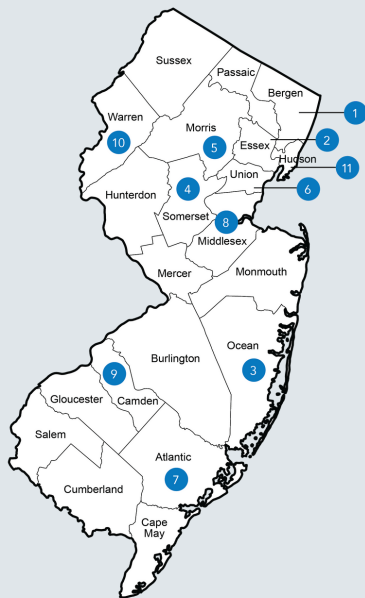


Learn something new!



Meet people with aphasia

MEETING LOCATIONS



- 1. **Maywood**
- 2. **West Orange**
- 3. **Toms River**
- 4. **Bridgewater**
- 5. **Morristown**
- 6. **Scotch Plains**
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MORE INFORMATION



Call: 551.287.2238



Email: ACG@adleraphasiacenter.org



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Full Service Sites:

Maywood

201.368.8585

Toms River

551.287.2236

West Orange

551.287.2237



FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT ADLER APHASIA CENTER

Aphasia Communication Group



Practice communication skills



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MEETING INFORMATION



1:00pm - 3:00pm



2 Tuesdays a month



First Presbyterian Church
20 King's Hwy East, Haddonfield, NJ

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Call:
551.287.2238



Email:
ACG@adleraphasiacenter.org



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Aphasia Communication Groups throughout NJ.
To find a location near you, call 551.287.2238.

Full Service Sites:

Maywood	Toms River	West Orange
201.368.8585	551.287.2236	551.287.2237

Support Groups

A list of Aphasia Support Groups in Delaware



Aphasia Brew Crew - U. of Delaware

A conversation coffee house for individuals with aphasia and their care partners.

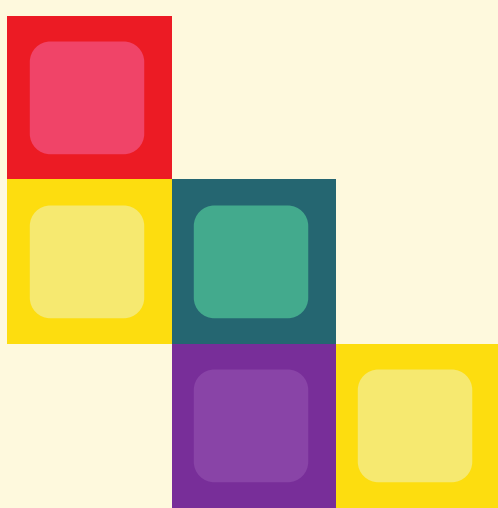
When? Tuesdays, Weekly 11:30am – 12:30pm
aphasiaUD@udel.edu



Aphasia Movie Club - U. of Delaware

Watch the movie of the week on your own and participate in a lively discussion!

When? Fridays, Every two weeks 11:30am – 12:30pm
aphasiaUD@udel.edu



Great Games - U. of Delaware

A space for individuals with aphasia and their care partners to play fun games!

When? Fridays, Every two weeks 11:30am – 12:30pm
aphasiaUD@udel.edu



Aphasia Education Group - ChristianaCare

Practice communication and participate in discussions centered around aphasia.

When? 1st Wednesday of the month 12:00pm - 12:30pm
mmyers@christianacare.org



Aphasia Book Club (Zoom) - ChristianaCare

Discuss your favorite books with other individuals with aphasia.

When? Mondays at 12:15pm - 1:15pm
mmyers@christianacare.org

Please join us *in-person* for our meetings this Fall!

Magee Rehabilitation Aphasia Community Support Group

Individuals with aphasia and/or their care partners are welcome to attend!

Upcoming Dates: Tuesday, September 5th
 Tuesday, October 3rd
 Tuesday, November 7th

Time: 1:00 - 2:00pm

Location: ****IN PERSON**** at Magee Outpatient- Riverfront!

**1500 South Columbus Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19147**

*** Entrance to the building is off of the parking lot (big double doors). Check-in with the front desk once you arrive and they will direct you to Conference Room A.

If you are interested in joining Magee's Aphasia Support Group, or have any questions, please contact Sarah Lantz at 215-218-3909 or Sarah.Lantz@jefferson.edu

Virtual Reta's Games Group Presents: MRAC Virtual Variety Hour

Date: Wednesdays, 11am to 12pm

Group Facilitator: Nikki Benson

Cost: No Charge

Description: ZOOM on in and participate in our weekly activities. Not ready to speak? That's okay - just ZOOM in and observe. Some of our themes include Games, Movie Discussions, Music, Photo Memories and more!



**Virtual Aphasia Center
General Information**
Scan QR Code for More Information

- 1) People living with aphasia and their care partners are eligible to participate in our programs. A recent speech report will be requested to determine group placement.
- 2) Sessions are filled on a first-come, first served basis. We welcome new members as space allows.
- 3) Personal absences cannot be made up. If MRAC cancels, it will be rescheduled.
- 4) MRAC takes personal security very seriously. Virtual participation limits some of our controls. We send each member a unique link for each session weekly. PLEASE do NOT forward meeting information without MRAC's authorization. Unexpected attendees will not be admitted.
- 5) Participants must be independent or personally assisted and have access to and general comfort with using a phone, tablet, or a computer.
- 6) AT THIS TIME, private payment arrangements will be made individually. Check or Money Order Only.
Mail all payments to:
MossRehab Aphasia Center
50 Township Line Rd
Elkins Park, PA 19027
- 7) Scholarships are available if fees present a hardship. Payment arrangements can be made with Nikki Benson at 215.663.6344.

-VIRTUAL- Aphasia Activity Center Programs

SUMMER 2023

July thru September

**Aphasia Activity Center
Programs are held:**

**On a Phone, Computer or
Device near you**

MossRehab Aphasia Center
50 Township Line Rd, 3rd Floor
Elkins Park, PA 19027

**Contact Nikki Benson
with questions:**

215-663-6344

or

nxb328@jefferson.edu



**MossRehab Aphasia
Center**
is a part of the
**Moss Rehabilitation
Research Institute**

For more information about research,
see our website!

<https://mrri.org/patient-research-registry/>

 **MossRehab**
EINSTEIN HEALTHCARE NETWORK

Now part of Jefferson Health

Constance Sheerr Kittner Virtual Conversation Café

Therapist Led Conversation Groups

Dates: Mondays, Jun 26th thru Sep 18th
Tuesdays, Jun 27th thru Jun 19th

Group Facilitator: Karen R. Cohen,
Speech Language Pathologist

Cost: \$85.00 (8 Sessions)

Description: Do you want to have some fun while tuning up your communication skills? Then join our Connie Kittner Conversation Café. Group members are given the opportunity to have their voices heard in a supportive environment while enjoying light refreshment. Sessions provide opportunities for adult conversation and social interaction, while encouraging the use of successful and effective communication techniques and strategies for coping with aphasia and enjoying life.



Placement for groups is determined by the group facilitator. If interested, please contact Nikki Benson to complete a registration packet. Call 215.663.6344 or email nxb328@jefferson.edu.

MRAC Virtual EXCLUSIVE Constance Sheerr Kittner Conversation Café: Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA)

Therapist Led Conversation Group
especially for people living with PPA

Dates: Jun 26th thru Sep 19th
Tuesdays, 1pm to 2pm

Cost: \$120 (8 Sessions)

Group Facilitator: Karen R. Cohen,
Speech Language Pathologist

Description: Our newest Conversation Café focused specifically for those with PPA. Sessions provide opportunities for adult conversation and social interaction, in a supportive environment, while learning about PPA, communication techniques and strategies for coping with aphasia and enjoying life.

Eligibility: Members must have received a formal diagnosis of Primary Progressive Aphasia and will consult with Karen Cohen, Group Facilitator & SLP prior to group membership. Please contact MRAC for more details.

Virtual Computer Lab:

Need assistance with technology – call 215.663.6344 for details.

Virtual PPA Care Partner Support Room

Unfacilitated 'Private' ZOOM Room for
Care Partners of participants in
Connie's Cafés for people with PPA

Dates: Jun 26th thru Sep 19th
Tuesdays, 1pm to 2pm

Cost: No Charge

Group Facilitator: No Facilitator

Description: Are you feeling overwhelmed, looking for new tips or just someone who understands? Drop by this 'open' ZOOM room especially for care partners for people living with aphasia. This room is not manned by an MRAC professional. It is a space designed for people to talk caretaker-to-caretaker.

Eligibility: Care and Conversation Partners for people living with aphasia. Please contact MRAC for more details.

MRAC SUMMER SIESTA

JUL 31ST – SEP 5TH

NO CONVERSATION CAFÉ OR







TALKING BOOK CLUB

(CHECK-IN SESSIONS: AUGUST 14TH & 15TH)

CARE PARTNER & VARIETY HOUR

SESSIONS WILL STILL OCCUR

Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple (PACT) Fall 2023 Schedule

Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
Zoom	In person	Zoom
imPACT Advocacy Group 11:00 – 12:00 	Spirituality Group 10:30 - 11:30 	Second Saturday Group 11:00 – 12:00 <u>Upcoming Dates</u> July 8 August 12 September 9 October 14 November 11 December 9 
Speech Making 12:30 - 1:30 	Art Group 12:00 – 1:00 	
	Coffee Hour at Temple (CHAT) 1:30 – 2:30 	

In person groups:
 Temple University, Main Campus
 Weiss Hall, 1701 N 13th Street
 Room 142



Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple Second Saturday Group

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

Upcoming Dates: 2023

July 8

October 14

August 12

November 11

September 9

December 9

Second Saturday Group will meet on Zoom.

To join Zoom meeting

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/96296922706>

Meeting ID: 962 9692 2706

All people with aphasia, their family, and friends are welcome! You do not need to register.

Please support PACT! We offer our programs at no cost to participants. Donations of any size help.

Donors will earn a place of honor on PACT's Wall of Fame.

For more information or to learn how to participate, contact Gayle DeDe at gayle.dede@temple.edu or (215) 204-2453.

Philadelphia Aphasia Center at Temple (PACT) Fall 2023 Programs

imPACT Aphasia Advocacy Group (Zoom)

When: Wednesday 11:00 – 12:00, September 13 – November 29

What: Group members will collaboratively plan educational lectures about aphasia and other methods to raise aphasia awareness. This group meets online via zoom.

Speechmaking (Zoom)

When: Wednesday 12:30-1:30, September 13 – November 29

What: Practice presenting stories and making speeches in a supportive environment.

Spirituality Group (in person)

When: Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30, September 14 – November 30

What: Discuss how you find meaning in the world. This is a non-denominational group. Some, but not all, readings are from religious texts.

Art Group (in person)

When: Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00, September 14 – November 30

What: If possible, this group will meet in person and group members will create art for a calendar. Otherwise, this group will meet virtually and talk about art, music, and culture.

CHAT (in person)

When: Thursday 1:30 – 2:30, September 14 – November 30

What: Conversation Hour at Temple. Chat with friends in a supportive environment.

Second Saturday Group – Open to all! (Zoom)

When: Second Saturday of every Month, 11:00-12:00

What: Talk to other people affected by aphasia and connect with local and national resources. People with aphasia, their family, and their friends are welcome.

No need to register. Zoom information: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/96296922706>

*Thursday groups will meet in person at Weiss Hall
on Temple University Main Campus.*

**For more information or to learn how to participate,
Gayle DeDe: gayle.dede@temple.edu
(215) 204-2453.**

PACT Registration - Fall 2023

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Please indicate which group(s) you would like to participate in. Please number in order of preference (1-6):

Preference	Group	Time
	imPACT Aphasia Advocacy Group	Wednesday 11:00 – 12:00
	Speech Making	Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30
	Spirituality Group	Thursday 10:30 – 11:30
	Art Group	Thursday 12:00 – 1:00
	CHAT	Thursday 1:30 – 2:30

Please return this form to Gayle DeDe by September 1, 2023.

gayle.dede@temple.edu
(215) 204-2453
Weiss Hall Room 116

or mail it to:

*Gayle DeDe
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Weiss Hall, Room 110
1701 North 13th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122*

Penn State Alumni Aphasia Group



WE ARE...



PSU Alumni with Aphasia



Advocates for Stroke Awareness



**A Community for Support and
Resources**

Join us August 31st at 7 - 8 pm Eastern for our
monthly meeting!

Meeting QR code and link:

psu.zoom.us/j/91634607332

Website QR code and link:

www.psu-aphasia.com



Contact us at
[psualumniaphasia
@gmail.com](mailto:psualumniaphasia@gmail.com)



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Research Programs

In Region

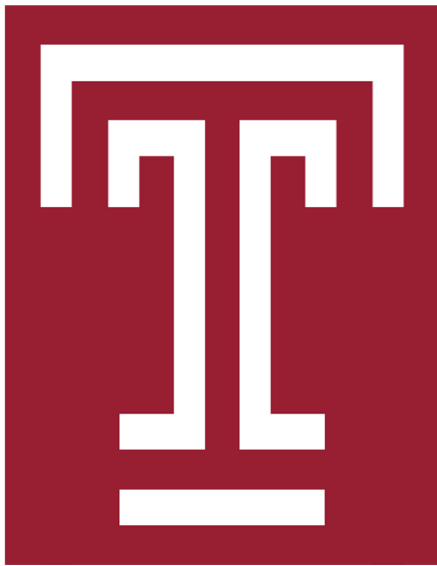
- **Saffran Center at Temple University**
- **MossRehab Aphasia Center**
- **University of Delaware Aphasia Lab**
- **Penn Lab for Cognition and Neural Stimulation**



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DO YOU HAVE APHASIA AFTER A STROKE?

The Eleanor M. Saffran Center at Temple University
is looking for people with aphasia to participate
in a research study.



Where? (2 Options)

- Online - from your home
- In-person - Temple University Main Campus

What will you do?

- Language and memory tests
- Word repetition and picture naming

When?

- One-hour sessions once a week for up to 3 months

Why?

- Potentially benefit others with aphasia by contributing to scientific knowledge of the topic
- Payment: \$10 an hour; in-person sessions get additional \$10 for transportation

Contact Us:
emslab@temple.edu
(215) 204-4350



APHASIA REHABILITATION RESEARCH LABORATORY
(215) 204-4350 | emslab@temple.edu | saffrancenter.com

Take Part in Our Research

Are you an individual with a history of aphasia?

We are seeking persons with aphasia to participate in our research and/or enroll in one of our aphasia treatment programs. The study consists of testing your speech, language, memory and organization.

Are you a doctor, researcher or clinician in the field?

Your patients may be eligible for participation in our studies.

Are you a healthy adult interested in participating?

We are seeking healthy older adults to participate in our research to better understand the language, memory, and organizational problems that may occur when someone has a stroke.

Are you a student interested in volunteering?

Please visit our website at www.saffrancenter.com and fill out the student application or email us at saffrancenter@temple.edu for more information.



Center Location

Temple University
College of Public Health
Department of Communication
Sciences & Disorders
983 Ritter Annex
1301 Cecil B. Moore Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19122



Mailing Address

Eleanor M. Saffran Center for
Cognitive Neuroscience
110 Weiss Hall
1701 N 13th Street
Philadelphia, Pa 19121

Phone: 215-204-4350

Fax: 215-204-6334

E-mail: saffrancenter@temple.edu



APHASIA REHABILITATION RESEARCH LABORATORY

Temple University *Informational Brochure*



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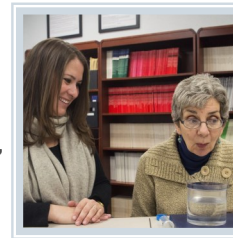
Nadine Martin, Ph.D.

Nadine Martin, Ph.D. is a Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Temple University and serves as the Director of *The Eleanor M. Saffran Center for Cognitive Neuroscience*. Her research on language and verbal short-term memory abilities in aphasia, supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has contributed greatly to both theoretical and applied models of aphasia rehabilitation.



Our Lab

Researchers, clinicians and students in this laboratory work together to investigate the relationships among language and short-term memory impairments associated with aphasia. Stroke and progressive neurological disorders often lead to changes in language and other cognitive functions. The knowledge we gain through the study of these changes is used to develop better diagnostic measures and more effective treatments for aphasia. Our aim is to find ways to improve the overall communication abilities, and consequently, the quality of life, for people with aphasia.



Research

The tests and treatments we offer are experimental, and are based on the latest knowledge of language and cognitive difficulties associated with aphasia.

Diagnostic

- ◇ Temple Assessment of Language and Verbal Short Term Memory in Aphasia (TALSA)
 - The TALSA test battery carefully evaluates language and verbal short term memory abilities in individuals with aphasia.

Treatment

- ◇ Here at the laboratory, we have strategically developed treatment approaches for many areas of language and verbal STM, including:
 - *Word and sentence production*
 - *Word and sentence comprehension*
 - *Holding onto words in memory*
 - *Improving conversational skills*

Why Get Involved?

There are many reasons to get involved with research in our laboratory. With your participation, we can determine if the treatment within our research program is effective and reliable in language and verbal short-term memory rehabilitation. Take advantage of the opportunity the laboratory has to offer:

- ◇ Practice your language and short-term memory abilities
- ◇ Improve your ability to communicate with others
- ◇ Become a part of a supportive and interactive aphasia community
- ◇ Help improve rehabilitation methods for aphasia and other language disorders that occur after stroke or other neurological disorders

Please see backside for details on how to get involved with the Aphasia Rehabilitation Research Laboratory



How well do you hear speech in background noise?



The Temple University Speech Perception and Cognition (SPAC) Lab is inviting participants for a research study on how individuals perceive and understand speech in background noise.

You may be eligible if you are aged 60-85 years old, speak English as your native language, and have normal or correct-to-normal vision.

What will I have to do?

The study involves tests of cognition and speech perception, during which your eyes will be monitored by a camera, and a free hearing test to determine if you qualify for the study.

How much time will it take?

The study takes 1-8 visits of 1-2 hours. We will schedule the visit at a time convenient for you. You will be paid \$10 per hour and \$5 for travel expenses per visit. You will also receive an extra completion bonus of \$20 if you complete all study visits.

Where will the study be held?

In the Speech Perception and Cognition Lab, 1701 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19122.

How can I find out more about the study?

Contact: Speech Perception and Cognition Lab (PI: Jing Shen Ph.D.) at Temple University by email at spaclab@temple.edu or by phone at 215-204-1478.

Animal-Assisted Therapy Study for People with Aphasia at Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute / MossRehab Aphasia Center!



- Do you have a dog that you'd like to teach some skills?
- Or do you want to work with dogs living in a shelter?

What we'll do?

- Teach you how to train 5 basic obedience skills, like "sit" and "stay"
 - This is not behavior treatment. The dog must be friendly to strangers.
- We will do some assessment with you
- We will also do some assessment with you and a dog

Where?

- Assessment with you: at MRRI
- Work with dog: at your home or at a local animal shelter
- We can help with travel back and forth

How many sessions?

- 3 or 4 assessments with just you
 - We will pay you for your time
- 5 training sessions with dog
- 2 extra assessment sessions with you and dog
- If you want to work with shelter dogs, you'll need to become a volunteer first.

Participants should live within approximately 1 hour of the greater Philadelphia region .

For more information, please contact **Sharon Antonucci at (215) 663-6145** or **sharon.antonucci@jefferson.edu**.

Albert Einstein Healthcare Network
Institutional Review Board
Approval Date: 9/28/22

Do you have aphasia after stroke? We need your help.

Purpose of research study: To test a new scale AND explore coping with stress and general well-being in people with aphasia

To be included in this study, you must meet the following criteria:

- Experienced stroke at least 6 months ago
- Have a diagnosis of aphasia
- Speak English as a primary language
- Be at least 21 years old
- Have at least a high school education

Time commitment: In-person: One session, 1.5 - 2 hours
or
If virtually: 2-3 sessions, each 30-45 minutes

Research activities: Complete a brief language test and several questionnaires about coping, stress, and well-being

Location of research study: At UD STAR Campus, in your home, or virtually via Zoom

Potential benefits: This research will help us create a measure of resilience for people with aphasia.

Contact: Aphasia & Rehab Outcomes Lab
University of Delaware
AphasiaLab@udel.edu
302-831-1212

Email disclaimer: Information sent over email is not entirely confidential.

NOTE: This is a RESEARCH study, not clinical care





Have you had a stroke
and have **trouble speaking**
or **communicating (*aphasia*)**?

Researchers at UD are looking for people with **APHASIA** for a study about stress and language.

You will complete **tests of language and thinking**, and **questionnaires about stress, mood, and coping**.

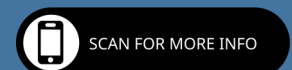
WHAT: A research study about aphasia; 1-2 study sessions, about 2 hours total
We follow safety requirements and offer Zoom sessions as needed

WHERE: **Virtual:** a quiet place in your home, on your computer or tablet
OR
In-Person: at UD STAR Campus or your home
(as allowable, following safety requirements)

WHEN: We schedule at your convenience

INTERESTED? CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT UD Aphasia & Rehab Outcomes Lab
(302) 831-1212 or AphasiaLab@udel.edu
www.UDAROLab.com





Stroke Survivors Wanted for Language Research

The Laboratory for Cognition and Neural Stimulation (LCNS) at the University of Pennsylvania is looking for stroke survivors to help with a study exploring language and cognitive function.

Are you eligible?

Must be:

- Age 21-80
- Right-handed
- Native English speaker
- Completed high school
- Left hemisphere stroke

Cannot have:

- Any major psychiatric illnesses
- Any altered visual, attentional, or motor function

Participants will receive:

- \$15.00 per hour for testing, and reimbursement of transportation costs with receipts

Visit Breakdown:

Completion of a range of language tasks will take about 5-7 hours, across 2-4 study visits.

- Visit 1: Enrollment, language testing
- Visits 2+: Language & Cognitive testing

Sign up here:



Questions? Call or email the study team and mention the 'Binder Study':

Dr. Branch Coslett

215-573-4336

braintms@penmedicine.upenn.edu

Healthy Volunteers Wanted for Language Research

The Laboratory for Cognition and Neural Stimulation (LCNS) at the University of Pennsylvania is looking for healthy individuals to help with a study exploring language and cognitive function.

Are you eligible?

Must be:

- Age 21-80
- Right-handed
- Native English speaker
- Completed high school

Cannot have:

- Any major psychiatric illnesses
- Any neurological conditions such as stroke
- Any altered visual, attentional, or motor function

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HAS A STROKE LEFT YOU OR A LOVED ONE SPEECHLESS?

You may be eligible to participate in a new clinical trial

The Laboratory for Cognition and Neural Stimulation (LCNS) is looking for persons with **aphasia** caused by stroke. **Aphasia** is a language disorder that affects one's ability to communicate. This clinical trial uses Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) combined with language therapy to investigate language recovery. TMS is a safe approach that uses magnetic pulses to modify the activity of small regions of the brain from outside the head.



Are you eligible?

Must have/be:

- Ages 18-80
- Had a stroke which occurred at least 6 months ago
- Native English speaker

Cannot have/be:

- Had a seizure within the past 6 months
- History of psychiatric hospitalizations
- Persistent ringing in the ears
- Pregnant or have plans to become pregnant
- Current abuse of drugs or alcohol

** To qualify, must meet with a neurologist to discuss medical history. Also, must meet with speech therapist to determine language ability

Participants will receive:

- \$15.00 per hour for treatment and testing as well as reimbursement of up to \$50.00 for transportation costs per visit

Visit Breakdown:

This trial has 22 visits over a 6 month span

- Visits 1-5: Includes Medical Screening, Baseline Language Testing, and an MRI
- Visits 6-16: Treatment
- Visits 17-22: Follow-up Language Assessments and an MRI

For more information, call or email a member of the study team:

braintms@penntmedicine.upenn.edu
215-573-4336



Treatment of Communication Difficulties in Alzheimer's Disease: A TMS and Speech Language Therapy Study

Who may be eligible to participate?

Individuals who are 50-85 years old with a diagnosis of mild to moderate AD

Native English speakers

Ability to attend and participate in all study visits

NOT have a history of stroke, seizure, or other significant neurological or medical disease

What happens during study visits?

3 baseline visits for cognitive testing and an MRI scan

10 (Monday-Friday) treatment visits with TMS (real or sham) & speech language therapy

Follow-up visits at 6 weeks and 12 weeks after treatment

Compensation

Participants will be compensated for time and travel.

The Laboratory for Cognition and Neural Stimulation (LCNS) at the University of Pennsylvania and the Penn Memory Center (PMC) are partnering on a new study.

We are interested in pairing non-invasive brain stimulation (TMS – Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation) with speech language therapy to improve communication impairments in patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease (AD).

The study also aims to further understanding of how AD affects language systems in the brain.

Consent

Before enrolling, the participant and study partner must read, understand, and sign a formal consent form which fully explains the study.



For more information, contact Daniela Sacchetti, MS

✉ danielas@pennteam.upenn.edu

☎ 215-573-8485

Principal Investigator:

H. Branch Coslett, MD,
William N. Kelley
Professor of Neurology

CILT+HD-tDCS As A Potential Therapy for Primary Progressive Aphasia

About the study:

Primary Progressive Aphasia, or PPA, is a condition that affects language abilities. A person with PPA may have difficulties speaking, understanding speech, reading, or writing, and these difficulties worsen over time.

The purpose of this study is to determine whether a form of non-invasive brain stimulation called High-Definition Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (or HD-tDCS) can be used as a therapeutic technique, in combination with Constraint-Induced Language Therapy (CILT) to improve the language symptoms of PPA.

HD-TDCS uses a mild electrical current, about the same strength as a 9-volt battery, to stimulate regions of the brain from outside the head. This is performed using small electrodes placed inside gel-filled capsules on the scalp using an elastic cap that help conduct the electrical signal into the brain. HD-tDCS changes how responsive certain regions of the brain can be (i.e., more or less responsive).

CILT is a form of speech therapy that focuses on improving speech production in everyday life. During the study, you will do some language testing to assess your current performance. Then, during the therapy, you will start at this level. We will change the therapy as you improve in order to make sure you have the best chance of increasing your language skills.

This study will use HD-tDCS combined with CILT to try to increase how responsive the language areas of the brain can be, in order to determine whether this type of stimulation can help enhance the benefits of CILT.

Who may be eligible to participate?

- Ages 45-80 years old
- Must have aphasia due to Primary Progressive Aphasia
- Native English speaker

Visit Breakdown:

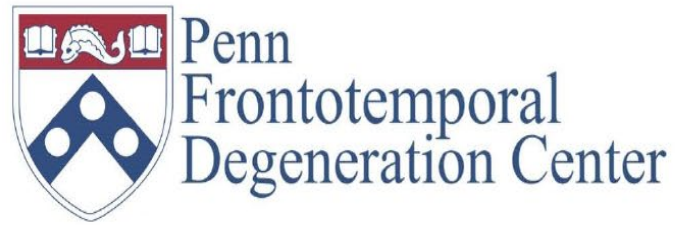
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*****CROSSOVER*****
Visit 25 - Baseline Language Assessment
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Visit 41-43 - 12 week Follow-up

Participants will be asked to STOP all speech & language therapies outside of study participation.

Compensation:

Participants will be compensated for their time & travel.

For more information, contact the study coordinator: Christopher Haslam
CHaslam@pennteam.upenn.edu



CILT + tDCS as a Potential Treatment for Primary Progressive

About the study:

Primary Progressive Aphasia, or PPA, is a condition that affects language abilities. A person with PPA may have difficulties speaking, understanding speech, reading or writing, and these difficulties worsen over time.

The purpose of this study is to determine whether a form of non-invasive brain stimulation called transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (or tDCS) can be used as a therapeutic technique, in combination with Constraint-Induced Language Therapy (CILT) to improve the language symptoms of PPA.

tDCS uses a mild electrical current, about the same strength as a 9-volt battery, to stimulate regions of the brain from outside the head. This is performed using two small electrodes placed inside saline soaked sponges held on the scalp using an elastic band. tDCS changes how responsive certain regions of the brain can be (i.e., more or less responsive).

CILT is a form of speech therapy that focuses on improving speech production in everyday life. During our study, you will do some language testing to assess your current performance, then, during the therapy, you will start at this level. We will change the therapy as you improve in order to make sure you have the best chance of increasing your language skills.

This study will use tDCS combined with CILT to try to increase how responsive the language areas of the brain can be, in order to determine whether this type of stimulation can help enhance the benefit of CILT.

For more information, contact the study coordinator: Patrycja Puzio, M.A., CF-SLP

patrycja.puzio@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

Who may be eligible to participate?

- Ages 45-80 years old
- Must have aphasia due to PPA
- Native English Speaker

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Visit 22-31: Therapy

Visit 32-33 : Immediate Follow-up

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Visit 36-37: 12 week Follow-up

Visit 38 & 39: 24 week Follow-up

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Newsletter

August 2023

Research Programs

Out of Region

- **Aphasia Research Lab at Boston University**
- **Central Michigan University**
- **Neural Research Lab at Indiana University**
- **SANDLab at The Penn State University**
- **Pittsburgh VA**
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- **University of North Carolina - Greensboro**
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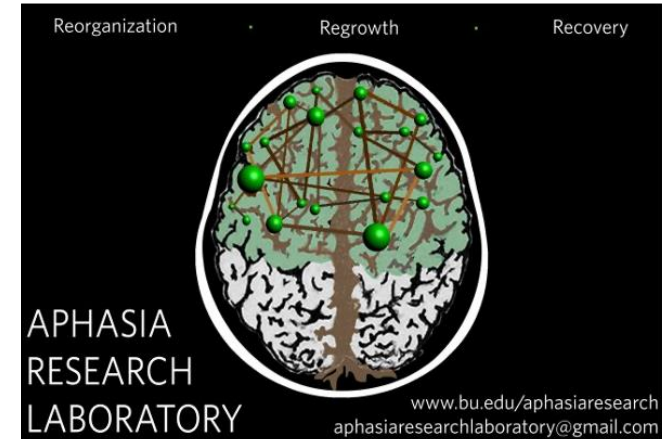


www.aphasiaresource.org



PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY INVESTIGATING LANGUAGE AND COGNITION

The Aphasia Research Laboratory at Boston University is looking for adult volunteers to participate in a research study using brain imaging



Who do we need?



- *Participants older than 18 years old*
 - *Speak English as your first language*
 - *Must be right-handed*
- *Be in good general health, with no history of neurologic or psychiatric illness* **OR** • *Have aphasia due to left hemisphere stroke*

Dates and times for participating are flexible

Compensation for participation and travel expenses will be provided

Contact for more information:

617-353-2706

aphasiaresearchlaboratory@gmail.com



Friendship



Research project about friendship in aphasia.

Hello! Our names are Katie, Brent, Jamie, and Natalie. We are researchers at Central Michigan University, Bowling Green State University and Lamar University. We want to help people with aphasia keep their friendships strong and healthy!

We'd like to invite you to participate in a research project. [Video overview](#)

Who can participate?

- You must speak English
- You must have a diagnosis of aphasia without other cognitive impairment from a doctor or speech-language pathologist.

What would I do?

- Meet with one of us to talk about your experiences with friendship.

How much time will it take?

- 1-2 hours.

Where will this happen?

- The interview will be on Zoom.
- You must have a computer and/or smartphone with a camera and internet connection.
- We can help you set this up.

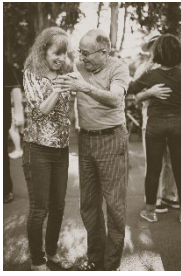
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- We hope to help people with aphasia maintain their friendships!

For more information about the project please contact

Nora Gulick

Email: egulick@bgsu.edu



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Who can participate?

- You must speak English and be a **spouse or significant other of someone with aphasia.**

What would I do?

- Meet with one of us to talk about your experiences with friendship and aphasia.

How much time will it take?

- 1 hour.

Where will this happen?

- The interview will be on Zoom.
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Do you have aphasia?

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Virtual study at Indiana University

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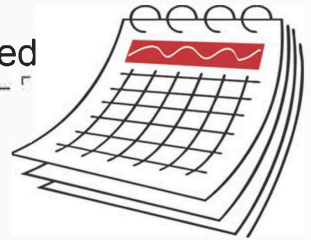


Requirements

- ✓ You had a left hemisphere stroke at least 6 months ago.
- ✓ You have a diagnosis of aphasia.
- ✓ You are 18 years or older.
- ✓ You are comfortable communicating in English.
- ✓ You do not have other neurological disorders (e.g., epilepsy).
- ✓ You do not have a neurodegenerative disease (e.g., Alzheimer's disease).

This study will require ~10 hours across three weeks.

You will be asked to think about how you talk to yourself in your head. You will have conversations with us about your inner speech. You will be asked to think about your inner speech for the span of three weeks.



The study will use Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams is a confidential and safe way to video-call. Microsoft Teams is used by universities and healthcare providers.

The study is voluntary and paid.
You will be paid \$15/hour with a gift card.



Microsoft Teams

Contact Julianne Alexander at julifrye@iu.edu

You can also find more information at www.neuralresearchlab.com.
IRB #10549.



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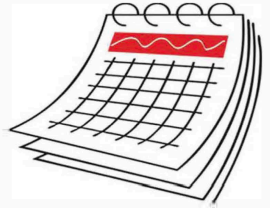


Virtual study at Indiana University

Dr. Brielle Stark is recruiting persons with aphasia. The study is looking at inner speech, or talking to yourself in your head.

This study will require ~22 hours across five weeks.

You will be asked to name some pictures and answer questions about those pictures. You will then participate in three weeks of speech-language therapy to improve your picture naming.



Requirements

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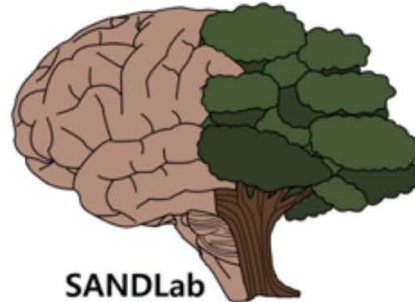
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IRB #12783.



WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A LANGUAGE STUDY?

Researchers at Penn State are recruiting persons with aphasia to participate in research looking at the effects of bilingualism on language and cognition to inform treatment practices for people with aphasia.



SANDLab
Semantics, Aphasia, and Neural Dynamics Laboratory

REQUIREMENTS

1. Diagnosis of aphasia
2. English speaker OR English/Spanish speaker
3. Normal or corrected-to-normal vision and hearing
4. Medically stable at time of participation

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- Complete language tests and simple tasks on the computer over Zoom.
- For English speakers, participate in 3 sessions for a total of 5 hours.
- For English/Spanish speakers, participate in 4 sessions for a total of 7 hours.



WILL I BE PAID?

You will be compensated \$10/hour for your participation in Amazon gift cards.



Contact Kate Dinsmore at kmd6392@psu.edu

Do you know someone who has experienced a stroke?

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A RESEARCH STUDY



ABOUT OUR STUDY

We are examining changes in the brain related to language therapy outcomes in people with aphasia, impaired language ability following a stroke. The results of this project will help develop effective rehabilitation practices for aphasia.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

- Individuals who have experienced a single stroke at least six months ago
- Individuals diagnosed with aphasia
- Individuals who are right-handed, speak English as their first language, and have at least a high school education
- Individuals with no history of neurodegenerative, developmental, or psychological disorders
- Individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine

WHAT WILL VOLUNTEERS DO?

- Receive a functional MRI scan at the beginning of the study and every 10 weeks for a 30-week period
- Participate in a 2-hour language therapy session twice per week from Weeks 11-20



STUDY DIRECTOR

Chaleece W. Sandberg
Communication Sciences and
Disorders

This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board, under federal regulations at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Penn State College of Medicine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Chaleece W. Sandberg
814-863-2006
cws18@psu.edu





Aphasia Research Study

Game Group Therapy on Zoom

Requirements

Have aphasia

18-90 years old

English speaker

Normal or corrected-to-normal hearing/vision

Six months after stroke or longer

4 - 6 weeks therapy

- 1 week pre-test
- 1 week post-test

Email Us!

mps6317@psu.edu

**You get \$10 an hour
10-12 hours**



Seeking Study Participants

VA research study focused on finding the best way to deliver aphasia therapy to improve word-finding abilities

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are at least 18 years old.
- Have aphasia due to a left-hemisphere stroke at least six months ago.
- Do not receive other speech-language therapy during this study.
- Speak English as first language.
- Are able to participate in our intensive treatment schedule and take care of your personal needs in Pittsburgh.

▶ *You don't have to be a Veteran to be eligible.*

Participation includes two visits to Pittsburgh:

- 1** Assessment and intensive aphasia treatment
LENGTH: 4 ½ WEEKS
- 2** Follow-up assessment two to three months later
LENGTH: 2 DAYS

Licensed VA speech-language pathologists provide all treatments. Eligible participants receive free lodging in Pittsburgh, travel expense reimbursement, and \$200 for study participation.

More Information: clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04215952

Call 412-360-2394 to verify the validity of this study. Funding Source: NIH – National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

Interested?

Call Mary Sullivan
at **412-360-6472**
to get started.

Principal Investigators:

William Hula, Ph.D.
Patrick Doyle, Ph.D.
Michael Dickey, Ph.D.

www.pittsburgh.va.gov
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Veterans Health Administration
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Do you have APHASIA?

Participate in our new training study for aphasia!

Purpose:

This NIH-Funded project aims to develop novel treatments for people with aphasia. Aphasia is a language disorder, frequently caused by a stroke, that can affect speaking, understanding others, reading and/or writing.

What's involved?

- Includes language testing session to determine eligibility
- If eligible, the study will last approximately 3-4 weeks (training sessions in addition to follow-up sessions)
- Each session will last around 2 hours
- You will be paid \$20/session. Parking is FREE
- Testing will take place at Purdue; Indy lab site and remote options may be available for eligible cases

Who's eligible?

To be eligible, you should:

- Have aphasia as a result of stroke
- Have no history of other neurological conditions
- Be a native speaker of English



For more information:



(765) 496-0216



aphasia@purdue.edu

Principal Investigator: Jiyeon Lee, PhD, CCC-SLP

Study title: Structural Priming as a Treatment Component in Aphasia IRB: 2021-695



Who we are and what we do:

The Aphasia Research Laboratory is directed by **Jiyeon Lee, PhD, CCC-SLP**.

Dr. Lee is an Associate Professor in the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University. She is also a certified Speech-Language Pathologist.

At the aphasia lab, we study how aphasia affects one's ability to produce and comprehend speech and what factors and learning conditions maximize language recovery in persons with aphasia.

Our research is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We have several different studies in which people with aphasia can participate! Recruitment is ongoing.

Contact Information

Aphasia Research Laboratory

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West Lafayette, IN 47907

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Email: aphasia@purdue.edu

Visit our Website:
www.purdue.edu/hhs/slhs/aphasia

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, or
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Aphasia Research Laboratory



What is Aphasia?

Aphasia is a language disorder resulting from a stroke or other type of brain injury. It affects one's ability to verbally express ideas and/or understand others' speech. It may also affect reading and writing skills.

According to the National Aphasia Association, there are at least two million people with aphasia in the United States. Approximately 25-40% of stroke survivors acquire aphasia.

There is hope! Research shows that persons with aphasia continue to improve over a period of years with continuous language therapy and stimulation.

How do I get involved?

To be eligible for our research studies you should:

- Have a diagnosis of aphasia following a stroke
- Be a native speaker of English
- Have no other neurological conditions that may impact communication (dementia, Parkinson's disease, etc.)

It's easy to participate! Follow these steps.

⇒ Contact the lab at **765-496-0216**, or email us at **aphasia@purdue.edu**

⇒ A lab member will ask you questions over the phone (phone screening)

After passing our phone screening, our team will guide you through these next steps.





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GRAY MATTER LAB

Spanish Monolingual Stroke Survivors Needed

We are looking at how people with aphasia learn words and improve the ability to speak!



Recruitment

- Are you a monolingual Spanish speaker?
- Do you have aphasia?
- Are you between the ages of 18-90 years?

Protocol # X21-024
Approved: 05/13/2021
Expired: 05/12/2022

You may be eligible to participate!

- You will receive a free speech & language evaluation.
- You will receive between 10-20 weeks of free language therapy.
- Language therapy is delivered via teleconferencing (e.g Zoom)
 - The Gray Matter Lab uses a secure version of teleconferencing that increases patient privacy.
 - There is no cost to participate in the study.



For more information, email us at graymatterlaboratory@gmail.com and ask for Maryvi or Dr. Gray



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GRAY MATTER LAB

Buscamos sobrevivientes de accidentes cerebrovascular MONOLINGÜES EN ESPAÑOL

Estamos investigando como las personas con afasia aprenden palabras y mejoran la capacidad de hablar!



Candidatos

- Es usted una persona que habla solo en Español?
- Tiene afasia?
- Tiene entre 18 y 90 años?

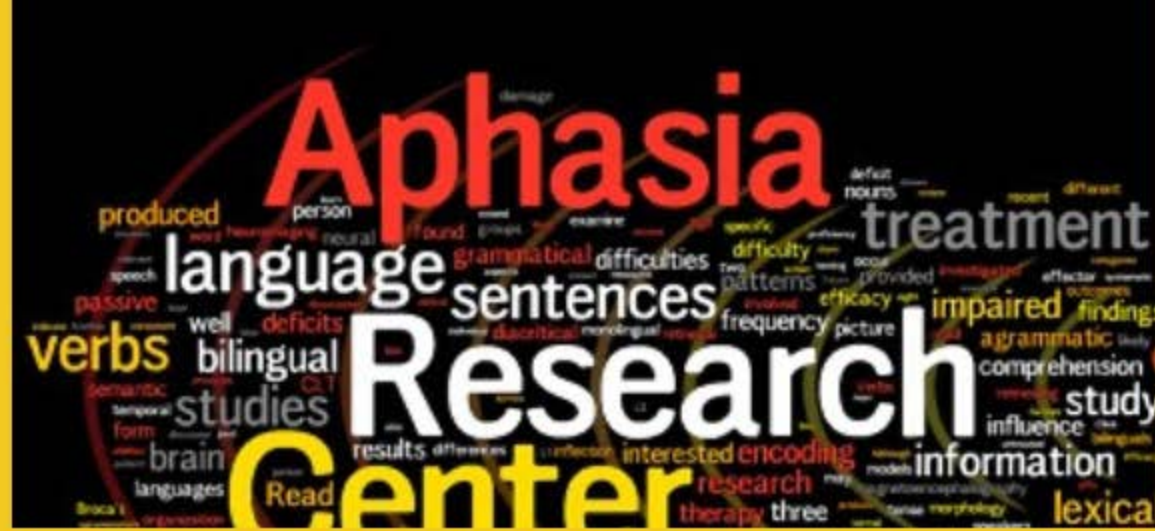
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Usted puede ser elegible para participar!

- Recibirá evaluación gratuita del habla y lenguaje.
- Recibirá entre 10 y 20 semanas de terapia de lenguaje gratuita.
- La terapia del lenguaje sera através de teleconferencia (e.g Zoom)
 - El laboratorio de Gray Matter utiliza una version segura de teleconferencia que aumenta la privacidad del paciente. .
 - No hay ningún costo para participar en este estudio.



Para más información, envíe un correo electronico a graymatterlaboratory@gmail.com y pregunte por Maryvi o la Dra. Gray



Recruiting Spanish-English bilinguals with aphasia for a research study

Details: phone screen (25 min), 6 hours for questionnaires, assessments and computer tasks, \$100 payment

Contact: aphasia@umd.edu; 301-405-2477

This research is being conducted by Dr. Yasmeen Faroqi-Shah at the University of Maryland (www.aphasia.umd.edu) and has been approved by the IRB Protocol # 1726372-1





Are you a brain injury survivor with aphasia?

You have the opportunity to participate in a research study at the University of Maryland, College Park

We are studying how persons with and without aphasia speak and understand words and sentences

- Eligible participants will receive a complete evaluation in addition to other testing (describing pictures and making judgments about words and sentences on a computer)
- The study involves 4-6 hours of participation (spread over 2-3 sessions of about 2 hours each)
- You will receive \$20 per session for participation

Contact: aphasia@umd.edu; 301-405-2477

This research is being conducted by Dr. Yasmeen Faroqi-Shah at the University of Maryland (www.aphasia.umd.edu) and has been approved by the IRB Protocol #385623-12

Help us understand aphasia!!



We are recruiting persons with aphasia for a brain imaging study.

Eligibility: primary speaker of English, diagnosis of aphasia at least 2 months prior, can speak at least single words, no metal-implants in the body, can see at least 2ft away without glasses or wear contacts

Participation involves:

- listening and speaking words and sentences while your brain responses are measured
- 1.5 hours of participation, optional 1/2 hour for MRI scan
- reimbursed at \$20/hour

Contact: aphasia@umd.edu; 301-405-2477

www.aphasia.umd.edu

Investigators:

Dr. Yasmeeen Faroqi-Shah, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences

Dr. Robert Slevc, Department of Psychology

This research is approved by the University of Maryland IRB Protocol #1862045-1



UNCG

is seeking people with aphasia **and** care partners for a research study

Barriers to Counseling Services for People with Aphasia AND Care Partners

Purpose

To determine the knowledge, perceptions, and experience with counseling services for people with aphasia and those who care for PWA

Criteria

- ✓ You care for someone with aphasia
- ✓ You have aphasia due to stroke or brain-injury
- ✓ You are at least 6 months post stroke or brain injury
- ✓ You are proficient in english
- ✓ You have no history of substance abuse

Location

FROM YOUR OWN HOUSE!
All meetings will be conducted remotely.
Training offered!



Care-partners and people with aphasia will be asked to separately attend 4 sessions over the course of 6 months for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour. The first session will be a survey and the subsequent sessions will be interviews and surveys.

Call or Email for more details:

kmkelleh@uncg.edu

336-420-9386



**DOES VERBAL EXPRESSION IMPROVE
IN PERSONS WITH APHASIA
IF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS SEE HOW THE
BRAIN IS RESPONDING DURING THERAPY SESSIONS?**

BE IN THIS STUDY AND HELP US FIND OUT!

To Be Eligible to Participate:

1. You must have trouble talking because a stroke that caused aphasia at least one year ago
2. You must be 19 years of age or older
3. English must be your native language
4. You must be able to get yourself to Northeastern University, 70 Forsyth Building, Boston, for four 1-2 hour sessions over a 3-week period of time, scheduled at mutually convenient times (parking is provided)

To thank you for your study participation, you will receive a cash stipend for \$200 at the end of your fourth session.

If interested and eligible, please contact:

Dr. Therese O'Neil-Pirozzi at t.oneil-pirozzi@neu.edu or at 617-373-5750.

Northeastern University. Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

(NU IRB#19-10-11)

APPROVED

By NU IRB at 7:00 am, Mar 30, 2020



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***BE A PARTICIPANT WITHOUT APHASIA IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY
TO HELP US HELP PERSONS WITH APHASIA***

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By NU IRB at 7:00 am, Mar 25, 2020