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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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**ECoLoGiC-Tx: A conversation-level
Intervention for people with aphasia**



LUNCH
and
LEARN

**Join us for a journal
discussion about
conversation
treatment in aphasia**

COMMUNITY MEETING
CLINICAL CORNER

ZOOM LUNCH AND LEARN

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/98225630680>

WEDNESDAY

MAR

6

2023

AT

12

PM



eastern standard time



Aphasia Resource
Collaboration Hub



WWW.APHASIARESOURCE.ORG

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/98225630680>



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February 2024

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www.aphasiaresource.org



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**
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MORE INFORMATION



Call: 551.287.2238



Email: ACG@adleraphasiacenter.org



**Adler
Aphasia
CENTER**

Connect.
Enrich.
Empower.

Full Service Sites:

Maywood

201.368.8585

Toms River

551.287.2236

West Orange

551.287.2237

www.adleraphasiacenter.org



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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



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551.287.2238



Email:
ACG@adleraphasiacenter.org



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To find a location near you, call 551.287.2238.

Full Service Sites:

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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.

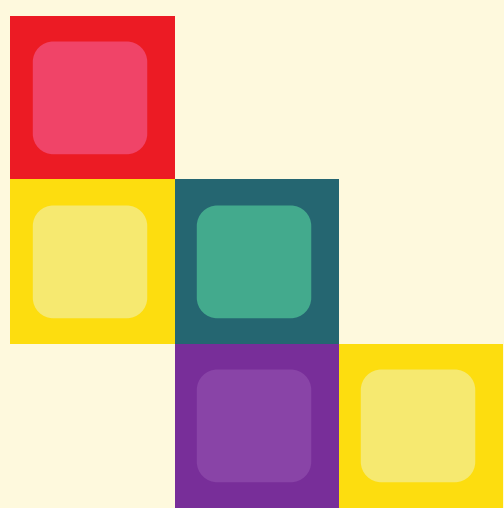
When? Tuesdays, Weekly 11:30am – 12:30pm
aphasiaUD@udel.edu



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 upcoming meetings!

Magee Rehabilitation Aphasia Community Support Group

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

Upcoming Dates: Tues, March 5th, 2024
 Tues, April 2nd, 2024
 Tues, May 7th, 2024

Time: 1:00 - 2:00pm

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

1500 South Columbus Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Check-in with the front desk when you arrive and they will direct you to **Conference Room A**.

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

Reta's Games Group Presents: 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 click and observe. Some of our themes include Games, Movie Discussions, Music, Photo Memories and more!



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

For more information about research, see our website!



**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- MossRehab Aphasia Activity Center Programs

WINTER 2024

January thru March

**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



Constance Sheerr Kittner Virtual Conversation Café

Therapist Led Conversation Groups

Dates: Mondays, Jan 8th thru Mar 18th
Tuesdays, Jan 9th thru Mar 19th

Group Facilitator: Karen R. Cohen,
Speech Language Pathologist

Cost: \$115.00 (10 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.

NEW THIS SEMESTER

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

Therapist Led Conversation Group
especially for people living with PPA

Dates: Jan 9th thru Mar 19th
Tuesdays, 1pm to 2pm

Cost: \$150 (10 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 PPA Care Partner Support Room

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

Dates: Jan 9th thru Mar 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.

COMING FEBRUARY 2024
NEW BOOK & NEW SESSION OF
MRAC TALKING BOOK CLUB
(BOOK TBD)

NO CONVERSATION CAFÉ OR
TALKING BOOK CLUB

FEB 26TH

Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple (PACT) Spring 2024 Schedule

Wednesdays <i>January 31 – April 17</i>	Thursday <i>February 1 – April 18</i>	Saturday
Zoom	In person	Zoom
<p style="text-align: center;">imPACT Advocacy Group 11:00 – 12:00</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Games Group 10:45 - 11:45</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Saturday Group 11:00 – 12:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Second Saturday of every month!</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Speechmaking & Storytelling 12:30 - 1:30</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">PACT Singers 12:00 – 1:00</p> 	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Hour at Temple (CHAT) 1:15 – 2:15</p> 	

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: 2024

January 13

July 13

February 9

August 10

March 9

September 14

April 13

October 12

May 11

November 9

June 8

December 14

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.

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) Spring 2024 Programs

Aphasia Advocacy Group (Zoom)

When: Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00, Begins January 31

What: Group members collaboratively plan activities to raise aphasia awareness. This group is online via zoom.

Speechmaking and Storytelling Group (Zoom)

When: Wednesday 12:30 - 1:30, January 31 – April 17

What: Practice telling clear stories in a supportive environment. You will work on telling organized and clear stories. This group will be online via zoom.

Games Group (in person)

When: Thursday 10:45 - 11:45, February 1 – April 18

What: Play aphasia-friendly games to work on language and communication strategies. This group will be online via zoom.

PACT Singers (In person)

When: Thursday 12:00 - 1:00, February 1 – April 18

What: Sing songs in an aphasia friendly choir. You do not have to be a good singer; you just have to want to sing!

CHAT (In person)

When: Thursday 1:15 – 2:15, February 1 – April 18

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>

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

**Or check out our website:
<https://sites.temple.edu/pact/>**

PACT Registration – Spring 2024

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Please number group in order of preference (1-6).

Preference	Group & Location	Time
	imPACT Advocacy Group - Zoom	Wednesday 11:00 – 12:00
	Speechmaking & Storytelling - Zoom	Wednesday 12:30-1:30
	Games – in person	Thursday 10:45 – 11:45
	PACT Singers – in person	Thursday 12:00 – 1:00
	CHAT – in person	Thursday 1:15 – 2:15

Are you interested in individual treatment sessions? If so, please indicate which you would like in order of preference (1 – 3).

Preference	Treatment type	Time
	Music therapy	To be determined.
	Speech therapy	To be determined.

Return this form to Gayle DeDe by January 13, 2024.
gayle.dede@temple.edu or (215) 204-2453 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)



APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

WHEN:

2nd Wednesday
of every month
11 am to 1 pm



WHERE:

*University of Pittsburgh
Community Engagement Center --
Homewood:*

**622 N Homewood Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15208**

People with Aphasia and their family,
friends, and/or caretakers are invited.

Email:

aphasia.group.pgh@gmail.com



Typical Group Agenda:

- Meet and greet and conversation
- Sharing anything on your mind
- Time for questions
- Guest Speakers
- Member Spotlights
- Games

Come let us get to know
you and meet some
new friends.

Visit our Group on
Facebook!
*Aphasia Community
Support Pittsburgh*

Contact:

**Chrisa Kravetz
MA CCC-SLP
724-205-3307**



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Rehabilitation Sciences

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Research Programs

In Region

- **MossRehab Aphasia Center**
- **Temple University**
- **University of Delaware**
- **University of Pennsylvania**



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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.

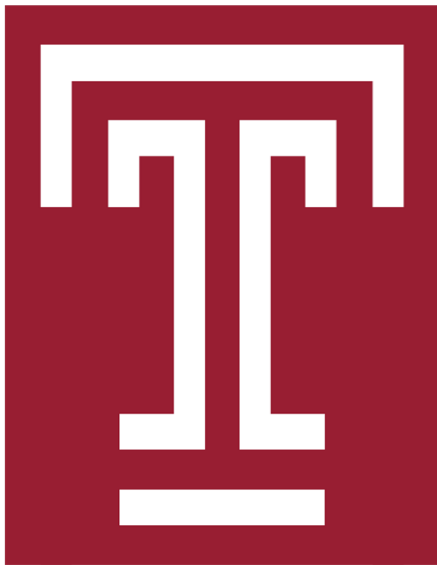
Participants should live within approximately 1 hour of the greater Philadelphia region .

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 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?

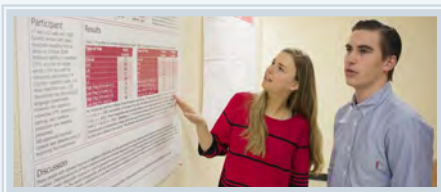
Your patients may be eligible for participation in our studies.

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

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E-mail: saffrancenter@temple.edu



APHASIA REHABILITATION RESEARCH LABORATORY

Temple University *Informational Brochure*



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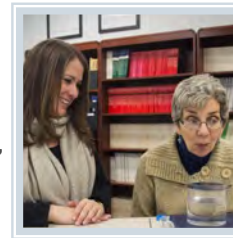
Nadine Martin, Ph.D.

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



DO YOU HAVE APHASIA?

What:

- A study about the benefits of conversation treatment for people with aphasia.
- Practice communicating with other people with aphasia.
- 60-minute treatment sessions twice per week
- Testing before & after treatment.



Contact us if:

- You have aphasia due to stroke
- You can follow conversations.

When:

Treatment will be May 20 - July 25 2024

You will be paid for each treatment and testing session.

Where:

Temple University
Main Campus

For more information:

Francine Kohen

e-mail: fpkohen@temple.edu

phone: (215) 204-4752

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.

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**.

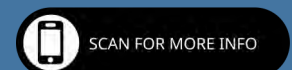
WHAT: A research study about aphasia; 1-2 study sessions, about 2 hours total
We follow safety requirements and offer Zoom sessions as needed

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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215-573-4336
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Sign up here:



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

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CILT + HD-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 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:

Visit 1 - Enrollment & Screening

Visit 2 - Baseline MRI

Visit 3 & 4 - Baseline Language Assessment

Visit 5 – 14 - Therapy

Visit 15 - 18 - Immediate Follow-up

Visit 19 & 20 - 6 week Follow-up

Visit 21 – 24 - 12 week Follow-up

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Visit 25 - Baseline Language Assessment

Visit 26 – 35 - Therapy

Visit 36 – 38 - Immediate Follow-up

Visit 39 & 40 - 6 week Follow-up

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: Daniela Sacchetti, MS

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Visit 36-37: 12 week Follow-up

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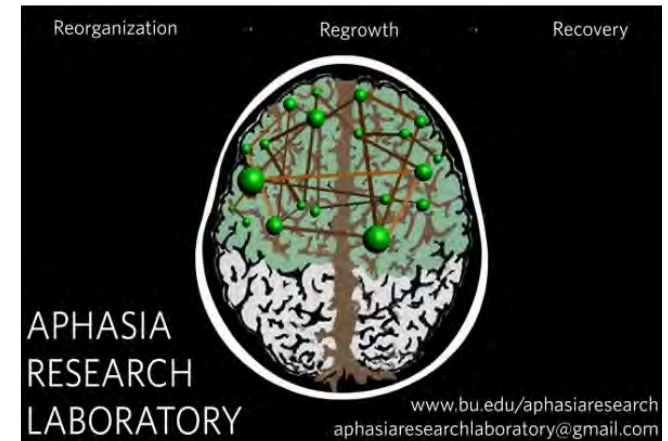


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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY INVESTIGATING LANGUAGE AND COGNITION

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

Do you have aphasia?

You can join a virtual study about language.



Virtual study at Indiana University

Dr. Brielle Stark is recruiting persons with aphasia. The study is NIH-sponsored. The study is looking at spoken language and gesture across two testing sessions.

Requirements

- ✓ **You have a diagnosis of aphasia from a brain injury** (e.g. stroke, encephalitis, etc.).
- ✓ **It has been six months since the injury.**
- ✓ **You do not have other neurological disorders** (e.g. epilepsy).
- ✓ **You do not have a neurodegenerative disease** (e.g. Alzheimer's disease). **You are 18 - 85 years old.**
- ✓ **You speak English** (speaking other languages doesn't exclude you!)

There will be two virtual appointments

Session 1: 9AM-12PM, two hour break, 2PM-5PM

Session 2: 9AM-12PM, two hour break, 2PM-5PM. Session 2 takes place one week after Session 1. Each session may not use the whole time.

We will conduct this experiment using video conferencing.

The study is voluntary and paid.

You will be paid \$250 via an Amazon e-gift card.



Call Dr. Brielle Stark at (770) 548-7121, bcstark@iu.edu, or neuralresearchlab@gmail.com You can go to www.neuralresearchlab.com.
IRB # 16433.





**DOES VERBAL EXPRESSION IMPROVE
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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.

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(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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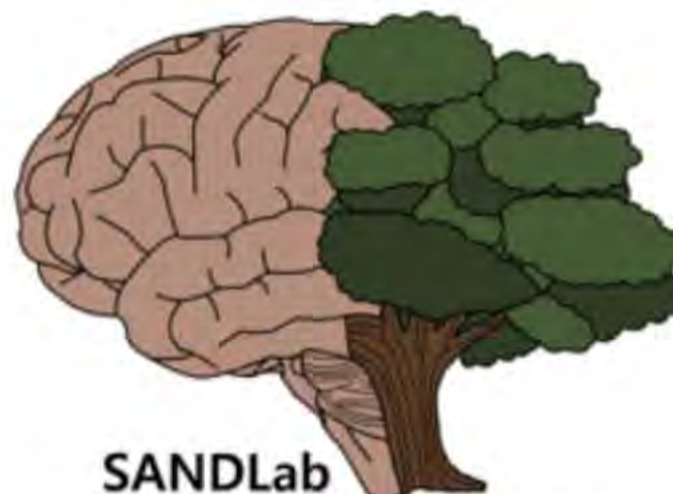
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WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A LANGUAGE STUDY?

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/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/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 Chaleece Sandberg at cws18@psu.edu



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

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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

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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 Speaking Stroke Survivors

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



Recruitment

- Do you speak Spanish?
- Do you have aphasia?
- Are you between the ages of 18-80 years?

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 cerebrovasculares

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



Candidatos

- Es usted una persona que habla en Español?
- Tiene afasia?
- Tiene entre 18 y 80 años?

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 electrónico a graymatterlaboratory@gmail.com y pregunte por Maryvi o la Dra.

Gray

30-70 years old? Native English speaker? Want to earn \$50?

Participate in our paid research study!

Eligibility: 30-70 years old, English monolingual speaker, access to a computer; phone screen (15 min)

Details: 2 hours for English language questionnaires, assessments and computer tasks, conducted over Zoom;

\$50 Payment

Why Participate? help us develop more accurate assessments to diagnose conditions such as aphasia and dementia, and reduce health disparities for minorities

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

Open your phone camera and scan for more information!



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



Recruiting Spanish-English bilingual people with aphasia for a research study

Details: phone screen (25 min), 5 hours for
questionnaires, assessments and computer tasks,
\$100 payment

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



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Buscando hablantes del español y el inglés con afasia para un estudio

Detalles: llamada inicial (25 minutos), 2-3 sesiones (5 horas total) para cuestionarios, exámenes y tareas de computadora, \$100 de recompensa

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



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Do you know someone who has recently had a stroke and is experiencing language difficulty?



Have they been feeling sad, down, or stressed?

If so, they may be eligible for a
12-week online treatment study

To find out more, please contact the
Mood Disorders Laboratory:

Email: utaustin.mdl@gmail.com

Participants may receive up to \$100 for participation in this study.

Have you had a **stroke?**



Do you have **language difficulty?**



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1. Are 18-65 years old
2. Had your stroke resulting in language difficulty
3. Be experiencing low mood
4. Have a computer or tablet
5. Have a study partner

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