



ARCH Network

Here is the next newsletter! Please scroll down to see the information we have compiled from community groups, university clinics, outpatient centers, collaborative projects, and research programs for people with aphasia.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Name / affiliation	Adler Aphasia Center
Location	First Presbyterian Church, 20 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield, NJ 0803 (Two virtual NJ groups are also available. One meets 2 Fridays a month. The other meets 2 Mondays a month).
Contact Information	Gretchen Szabo gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org
What is the cost?	\$100 per 4 month semester. Scholarships available. First three meetings are free.
What time and day do you meet?	We meet two Tuesdays a month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
What are the general activities?	Discussion on a variety of topics, education about stroke and aphasia, social events (holiday party, lunch at a restaurant).
Can partners or caregivers join?	Care partners are welcome to attend the first session. After that we ask that members with aphasia attend on their own. If the person with aphasia needs physical assistance to use the restroom, we ask care partners to remain in the building.

Name / affiliation	Capital Health Medical Center - Hopewell
Location	Currently meeting in person or via Zoom. When in person: One Capital Way, Pennington, NJ 08534 3M Conference room
Contact Information	Sandra Stein sstein@capitalhealth.org Nusreen Navarro nnavarro@capitalhealth.org
What time and day do you meet?	The group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:00 pm.
What are the general activities?	The group provides a place for individuals who have sustained aphasia or some form of communication disorder from a neurological condition and their families to meet others in similar situations. Participants have the opportunity to discuss their experiences, share ideas, form friendships and provide emotional support for one another. The group also offers education on subjects of interest to all and an opportunity to receive resources and tools for coping with their situation.
Can partners or caregivers join?	Yes

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Name / affiliation	Just ASK
Location	Virtual group via Zoom
Contact Information	Denise Lowell President@justaskri.org www.justaskri.com
What time and day do you meet?	We meet Monday evenings at 6:00 pm EST.
What are the general activities?	We have game night, painting, conversation, as well as guest speakers from the aphasia community around the world.
Can partners or caregivers join?	There is a monthly support group for “care partners” held on the 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm EST.

Name / affiliation	Magee Rehabilitation
Location	Magee Riverfront, 1500 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19147
Contact Information	Sarah Lantz, 215-218-3909 sarah.lantz@jefferson.edu
What time and day do you meet?	The first Tuesday of every month from 1:00-2:00 pm.
Can partners or caregivers join?	Yes

Name / affiliation	MossRehab Aphasia Center
Location	50 Township Line Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027
Contact Information	Nikki Benson-Watlington, 215-663-6344_nxb328@jefferson.edu
What is the cost?	Some programs are free, others have a nominal fee. Scholarships are available.
What time and day do you meet?	The Activity Center runs programs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Times are variable, depending on members' chosen activities. Groups are remote.
What are the general activities?	Conversation Cafe, Talking Book Club, Reta's Games Group, Virtual Variety Hour, Computer Lab, Education Programs
Can partners or caregivers join?	Members should be independent in activities of daily living or accompanied by a caregiver or co-survivor.

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Name / affiliation	Philadelphia Aphasia Community at Temple (PACT)
Location	Temple University. 1701 N 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA
Contact Information	Gayle DeDe, 215-204-2453 gayle.dede@temple.edu
What is the cost?	Free
What time and day do you meet?	Combination of in person and remote activities. Groups are typically Wednesdays (9:30-12:00 and Thursdays 10:30-2:30. We offer Second Saturday group the Second Saturday of every month from 11-12 on zoom.
What are the general activities?	See https://sites.temple.edu/pact/ . We offer different groups each semester, including conversation groups, art, music, advocacy and more. Wednesday groups are typically virtual and Thursdays are in person.
Can partners or caregivers join?	Carepartners are welcome to Second Saturday Group. Other groups are for people with aphasia.

Name / affiliation	Speech-Language Institute (SLI) at Salus University
Location	Salus University
Contact Information	Alison Finkelstein, 215-780-3150 afinkelstein@salus.edu
What time and day do you meet?	Virtual Meetings are Hosted by the Speech-Language Institute of Salus University. Book club is every other Friday from 10:00-11:00 am and Poetry club is every other Friday from 10-11 am.

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Name	La Salle University Speech Language Hearing Community Clinic
Location	St. Benilde Tower on La Salle University Campus; Free Parking Lot K Map provided
Contact Information	Direct Number: 215-951-1888, Department Secretary: 215-951-1982
Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia?	Yes
What is your clinic schedule?	Fall, spring, partial summer semesters
Is this student run or clinician run?	Graduate Clinicians are supervised by licensed SLP
What is the fee schedule?	Free: No insurance or payment needed. Donations accepted.
Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid?	No insurance needed.
Is it all individual therapy or are there groups?	There are both individual and group sessions.

Name	Salus University Clinic
Location	Salus University
Contact Information	Eileen Hunsaker, ehunsaker@salus.edu Alison Finkelstein, afinkelstein@salus.edu
Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia?	Yes
What is your clinic schedule?	Based on the semester
Is this student run or clinician run?	Students under direct supervision of a clinician
What is the fee schedule?	Free
Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid?	No insurance needed.
Is it all individual therapy or are there groups?	One support group per month, as well as weekly individual therapy

UNIVERSITY CLINICS

Name	Temple University Speech-Language-Hearing Center
Location	Weiss Hall 110, 1701 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia PA 19122
Contact Information	Lisa Melvin, 215-204-4482, lisa.melvin@temple.edu
Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia?	No
What is your clinic schedule?	Academic semester
Is this student run or clinician run?	Student run with clinician supervision
What is the fee schedule?	Free
Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid?	No insurance needed.
Is it all individual therapy or are there groups?	Both; groups are only via telehealth

Name	University of Delaware Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Location	540 S. College Ave, Suite 102, Newark, DE 19713
Contact Information	Main Office Phone Number: 302-831-7100, Email: slhclinic@udel.edu
Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia?	We provide services and life participation groups for people with aphasia remotely.
What is your clinic schedule?	Our schedule is year round.
Is this student run or clinician run?	Our sessions are run by ASHA certified SLPs and graduate students, working in tandem throughout the session.
What is the fee schedule?	We accept most insurances, private pay, and we have a generous sliding fee schedule based on income.
Do you accept Medicare or Medicaid?	Yes, we accept both.
Is it all individual therapy or are there groups?	We offer both individual and group therapy year round.

OUTPATIENT CENTERS

Name	Good Shepherd Penn Partners
Location	Rittenhouse, University City, Pennsylvania Hospital
Contact Information	215-349-5585 gspp.uncpatientservices@uphs.upenn.edu
Do you provide remote services for people with aphasia?	Yes (available at Rittenhouse and University City)
Are you able to see people remotely right now?	Yes
Do you provide teletherapy in general?	Yes (depending on future insurance coverage of this benefit)
Is it all individual therapy or are there groups?	Individual (One-on-one for 60 minute sessions)
What insurances do you accept? How about Medicare or Medicaid?	Most commercial insurance, Medicare/Medicare Advantage, Medicaid-Except Health Partners

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Name	Aphasia Resource Collaboration Hub (ARCH)
Date & Time	Community Meetings the first Wednesday of every third month: Next one is September 4, 2024 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm EST
Location	Virtual over Zoom
Contact Information	aphasiaresource@gmail.com
What is it?	<p>We host quarterly meetings to discuss questions about aphasia. Zoom link: https://temple.zoom.us/j/98225630680</p> <p>Clinical Corner: Measuring Treatment Change Using Spoken Discourse</p> <p>September 4, 2024</p> <p>Presenter Details: Gayle Dede, PhD, CCC-SLP</p> <p>In this session, we will discuss measurement of treatment changes using discourse tasks. We will talk about what measurements are available, their clinical practicality, and their sensitivity to impairments across a spectrum of aphasia profiles (i.e., from mild to severe aphasia).</p>

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Location of study	Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute (MRRRI)
Name of project	MRRRI Research Registry
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	MRRRI Research Registry Office 215-663-7147 MRRRIregistry@jefferson.edu
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	The MRRRI Research Registry (the Registry) is a listing of individuals interested in being contacted about MRRRI-affiliated research studies for which they may be eligible. MRRRI currently sponsors multiple studies addressing the assessment and treatment of aphasia and apraxia of speech secondary to stroke; many of these aphasia-related studies recruit only from the Registry.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes.
Summary of what participant will do	Registry members have the opportunity to learn about research studies that may be of interest to them. Participating is voluntary and offers the opportunity to learn about research studies that may help improve rehabilitation services for people with neurological disabilities. Participants are not obligated to participate in any particular study and can say no at any time. Participants may have the opportunity to work with researchers to study problems with speech, language, attention, memory, movement, and emotional well-being and which treatments work best.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Participants in the Registry may include individuals with a diagnosis of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stroke, • traumatic brain injury, • Parkinsonism, and other neurological impairments as well as neurologically-healthy individuals
Length of study	The Research Registry was created in 2000 and is an ongoing project. The process to learn more about the Registry and complete the necessary paperwork, including informed consent, may take 1-2 hours.
Compensation	There is no compensation for participating in the Registry itself. Those who volunteer for individual studies may be compensated.
Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study?	No.
Parking or public transportation options	There is no travel required to join the Research Registry.
Is remote testing possible?	Yes.

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Location of study	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania 3400 Spruce St. Philadelphia, PA 19104
Name of project	Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) and Speech Therapy for Primary Progressive Aphasia
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Daniela Sacchetti, MS danielas@pennmedicine.upenn.edu 215-573-8485 braintms@pennmedicine.upenn.edu 215-573-4336
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	This is an NIH-funded, double-blind study with people with primary progressive aphasia (PPA) to determine if tDCS combined with Constraint Induced Language Therapy (CILT) is more effective than sham tDCS and CILT. Subjects have to have PPA and no clinical or imaging evidence of a previous stroke. After an initial evaluation, subjects are seen for 10 sessions of real (or sham) tDCS immediately followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They are seen back at 6 and 12 weeks to assess benefit. Thereafter, subjects cross over to receive sham (or real) tDCS. Then, they are seen back again at 6 and 12 weeks to assess benefit.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes. Other therapy must be terminated in order to participate in this study.
Summary of what participant will do	Subjects will come to the lab for 3 sessions of behavioral testing followed by 10 sessions over 2 weeks of real (or sham) tDCS for 20 minutes followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They will return at 6 and 12 weeks after the treatment for follow-up and, if possible, get a repeat MRI brain scan at that time. They then cross over to receive sham (or real) tDCS and return at the same time intervals for follow-up and, if possible, a repeat MRI brain scan.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Inclusion: Ages 45-80; diagnosis of aphasia attributable to PPA with minimal state exam (MMSE) score 15 or higher; native English speaker. Exclusion: seizure in the past 6 months; history of stroke; history of psychiatric hospitalizations; pregnant or plans to become pregnant; current abuse of drugs or alcohol; metal implant in the body which would exclude MRI; use of sedating medications that would make it difficult for patient to participate.
Length of study	Approximately 6-8 months from initial enrollment. There are approximately 43 visits with the majority of the visits concentrated in two 2-week periods.
Compensation	\$20.00 per hour for treatment and testing as well as reimbursement of up to \$50.00 for transportation costs per visit
Parking or public transportation options	We reimburse for parking costs and can also provide transportation for participants via RideHealth (limitations may apply based on pick-up/drop-off location), which is a ride share service designed specifically for individuals needing transportation to and from hospitals and/or rehabilitation centers.
Is remote testing possible?	Some of the testing can be remote but the tDCS and MRI scans require in-person visits.

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Location of study	Penn Institute for Rehab Medicine 1800 Lombard St. Philadelphia, PA 19146
Name of project	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Speech Therapy for Chronic Aphasia
Main telephone number and email address	215-573-4336 braintms@penmedicine.upenn.edu
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	This is an NIH-funded, double-blind study with people with aphasia (PWA) of at least 6 months duration from stroke to determine if TMS combined with Constraint Induced Language Therapy (CILT) is more effective than sham TMS and CILT. Subjects have to have aphasia from a left hemisphere stroke and no clinical or imaging evidence of a significant stroke in the right hemisphere. After an initial evaluation, subjects are seen for 10 sessions of real or sham TMS immediately followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They are seen back at 3 and 6 months to assess benefit.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes.
Summary of what participant will do	Subjects will come to the lab for 2 sessions of behavioral testing followed by 10 sessions over 2 weeks of real or sham TMS for 20 minutes followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They will return at 3 and 6 months after the treatment for follow-up and, if possible, get a repeat MRI brain at that time.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Inclusion: Ages 18-80; aphasia with WAB AQ score between 20 and 85 in the setting of a single left hemisphere stroke that occurred at least 6 months prior to enrollment; native English speaker Exclusion: had a seizure in the past 6 months; history of psychiatric hospitalizations; history of tinnitus; pregnant or plans to become pregnant; current abuse of drugs or alcohol
Subject inclusion criteria for controls	Not Applicable
Length of study	Approximately 6-8 months from initial enrollment. There are approximately 22 visits with the majority of the visits concentrated in a two week period.
Compensation	\$15.00 per hour for treatment and testing as well as reimbursement of up to \$50.00 for transportation costs per visit
Parking or public transportation options	We reimburse for parking costs and can also provide transportation for participants via RideHealth (limitations may apply based on pick-up/drop-off location), which is a ride share service designed specifically for individuals needing transportation to and from hospitals and/or rehabilitation centers.
Is remote testing possible?	Some of the testing can be remote but the TMS and MRI scans require in-person visits.

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Location of study	Penn Institute for Rehab Medicine 1800 Lombard St. Philadelphia, PA 19146
Name of project	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Speech Therapy for Alzheimer's Disease
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Daniela Sacchetti 215-573-8485 danielas@penntmedicine.upenn.edu
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	This is an NIH-funded, double-blind study with people with Alzheimer's Disease to determine if TMS combined with Constraint Induced Language Therapy (CILT) is more effective than sham TMS and CILT. Subjects have to have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and no clinical or imaging evidence of a previous significant stroke. After an initial evaluation, subjects are seen for 10 sessions of real or sham TMS immediately followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They are seen back at 6 and 12 weeks to assess benefit.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes.
Summary of what participant will do	Subjects will come to the lab for 2 sessions of behavioral testing followed by 10 sessions over 2 weeks of real or sham TMS for 30 minutes followed by 60-90 minutes of CILT. They will return at 6 and 12 weeks after the treatment for follow-up and, if possible, get a repeat MRI brain scan at that time.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Inclusion: Ages 50-85; diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease with minimal state exam (MMSE) score between 15 and 23; native English speaker; right-handed. Exclusion: had a seizure in the past 6 months; history of stroke; history of psychiatric hospitalizations; diagnosis of tinnitus; pregnant or plans to become pregnant; current abuse of drugs or alcohol.
Subject inclusion criteria for controls	Not Applicable
Length of study	Approximately 5-7 months from initial enrollment. There are approximately 22 visits with the majority of the visits concentrated in a two week period.
Compensation	\$15.00 per hour for treatment and testing as well as reimbursement of up to \$50.00 for transportation costs per visit.
Parking or public transportation options	We reimburse for parking costs and can also provide transportation for participants via RideHealth (limitations may apply based on pick-up/drop-off location), which is a ride share service designed specifically for individuals needing transportation to and from hospitals and/or rehabilitation centers.
Is remote testing possible?	Some of the testing can be remote but the TMS and MRI scans require in-person visits.

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Location of study	Temple University – Speech Perception and Cognition Lab Weiss Hall, Room 145, 1701 N. 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19122
Name of project	Perceiving and Understanding Speech in Background Noise.
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Jing Shen 215-204-1478 spaclab@temple.edu
Description of study	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.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes
Summary of what participant will 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.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	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.
Length of study	The study takes 1-8 visits of 1-2 hours. We will schedule the visit at a time convenient for you.
Compensation	Yes; \$10 per hour and \$5 for travel expenses per visit with an extra completion bonus of \$20 for completing all study visits.
Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study?	No
Parking or public transportation options	Parking lot next to building, and street parking may be available as well. Close to subway and there is a bus stop in front of the building.
Is remote testing possible?	No

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Location of study	University of Delaware The Tower at STAR- 6 th Floor, 100 Discovery Blvd Newark, DE 19713
Name of project	Validation of the Modified University of Washington Resilience Scale for People with Aphasia Click Here for Participation Form: https://redcap.chs.udel.edu/surveys/?s=DECW9PJA9R
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Patrycja Puzio, MA, CCC-SLP (302)-273-0488 Aphasialab@udel.edu
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	We are testing a modified resilience testing scale and exploring how those results will help us understand coping with stress and measure resilience in people who were diagnosed with aphasia and treatment outcomes.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes
Summary of what participant will do	The participants will complete a brief language test and several questionnaires about coping, stress, life participation, and overall well-being.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Participants who have experienced a stroke at least six months ago and have a diagnosis of aphasia. Participants' primary language must be English. Ages 21+. At a minimum have a high school education.
Length of study	In-person: 1 session, 1.5-2 hours. Remote: 2-3 sessions, each 30-45 minutes.
Compensation	None
Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study?	No
Parking or public transportation options	Parking: lot directly in front of entrance for Tower at STAR building (south end of STAR campus). Park in a visitor spot. Two more parking lots around the STAR campus on 540 S. College Ave.
Is remote testing possible?	Yes, remote testing is available. Must have a computer or tablet.

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Location of study	Purdue University
Name of project	Multiple ongoing studies including an aphasia training study
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Dr. Jiyeon Lee at the Purdue Aphasia Lab 765-496-0216 aphasia@purdue.edu
Description of study (with type / severity of aphasia if needed)	The Purdue Aphasia Lab has several ongoing research opportunities including a NIH-funded clinical training study. Our lab studies communication difficulties in persons with aphasia and how to improve their communication abilities using a variety of tasks such as eye-tracking while listening and speaking, reading studies, and language training studies. We aim to develop novel aphasia interventions to improve sentence production and comprehension in people with aphasia.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes. Studies can take place at West Lafayette campus, Indianapolis Satellite lab, and remotely at the participant's house.
Summary of what participant will do	Participants will complete a comprehensive language evaluation to determine eligibility for our current projects. If eligible, participants can participate up to 8 sessions depending on the study. Each session will last about 2 hours.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Inclusion: Ages 21-85 with diagnosis of aphasia following left hemisphere stroke, native speaker of North American English. Exclusionary: History of other neurological conditions affecting communication (ex: dementia, Parkinson's disease, etc.), uncontrolled clinical depression, current abuse of drugs or alcohol.
Subject inclusion criteria for controls	NA
Length of study	Dependent on study. Each session last about 2 hours.
Compensation	\$20 per session including language testing sessions. Remote participants are paid via gift cards.
Parking	Easily accessible, garage parking attached to our building is free.
Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study?	Dependent on study.
Is remote testing possible?	Remote & hybrid testing options are available. If remote, participants must have access to desktop or laptop computer with webcam. Stable internet connection is necessary (no Hotspots).

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Location of study	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Church Professional Building, Suite 403 98 N Broadway Baltimore, MD 21231
Name of project	Cerebellar Stimulation for Aphasia Rehabilitation (CeSAR) clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT05093673
Main contact name, telephone number, and email address	Becky Lammers, MS, CCC-SLP 410-502-2445 blammer2@jh.edu
Description of study (with type/severity of aphasia if needed)	This is an NIH-funded, double-blind study for people with aphasia due to chronic left hemisphere stroke of at least 6 months duration to investigate whether transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) combined with Semantic Feature Analysis (SFA) is more effective than sham tDCS and SFA.
Currently enrolling participants?	Yes
Summary of what participant will do	Participants will complete baseline testing over 2-3 sessions, attend 1 MRI, and attend 15 hour-long sessions of speech therapy with tDCS or sham for 3-5 days per week over 3-5 weeks. Follow-up testing is completed at 1-week, 1-month, 3-months, and 6-months post-treatment.
Subject inclusion criteria for participants	Inclusion: Left hemisphere stroke ≥ 6 months post-onset; fluent in English; 18 or older; Aphasia diagnosis on Western Aphasia Battery-Revised (WABR) Exclusion: Lesion in the right cerebellum; other neurological, neurodegenerative, or psychiatric disorder; seizures in the previous 6 months; uncorrected visual or hearing loss; medications that lower seizure threshold; NMDA antagonists; history of brain surgery or metal in the head; severely impaired auditory comprehension; severely limited verbal output; $>80\%$ correct on Philadelphia Naming Test (PNT); those with severe claustrophobia, cardiac pacemakers or ferromagnetic implants, and pregnant women will be excluded from the MRI portion of the study
Length of study	Approximately 7-8 months total. There are approximately 23 visits total.
Compensation	Yes, up to \$750 if participants complete all 15 treatment sessions.
Does other therapy need to be terminated to participate in this study?	No, other regular therapies may be continued as long as the participant is not receiving any brain stimulation (e.g., tDCS, TMS) during the course of this study.
Parking or public transportation options	Free parking lot adjacent to the building. Accessible parking is available near the door.
Is remote testing possible?	Yes, some baseline and follow up testing may be completed remotely. Treatment sessions and MRI require in-person visits.