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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET (Interview Only)

Project title: Predicting and Promoting Sub-acute Aphasia Recovery

Lay title: Aphasia Recovery

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You are invited to participate in the research project “Predicting and Promoting Sub-acute Aphasia Recovery”. The aim of this research is to find out what factors influence recovery from aphasia (language impairment) in the first six months after a stroke. We are investigating this by comparing data from language tests and brain scans conducted with people with aphasia, as well as exploring the perspectives and experiences of significant others of people with aphasia, who also have an important role in the recovery process. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. There is no obligation for you to participate in this research. Your decision regarding participation in this research will not influence any current or future relations with any persons or organisations involved in the research.

Why is this research important?

Stroke can have a major impact on a person’s ability to communicate. This research aims to increase our understanding of how language recovery works and the factors that have an important influence on this recovery process. The study will provide information which might be used to make predictions of how well a person will recover language following a stroke, and how long this will take. This information also has the potential to improve speech-language therapy practices and could inform the type of treatment a speech pathologist chooses to use.

How does this research benefit me?

Your participation in this research will not benefit you directly. It will, however, help contribute to our understanding of aphasia recovery and prognosis after stroke.

What will I have to do if I agree to participate?

If you agree to participate in this research you will participate in a one-off individual, semi-structured interview between you and a member of the research team. During this interview, the researcher will ask you some questions about your views and experiences with aphasia recovery and prognosis after

stroke. The interview will be audio and/or video recorded. This is to ensure that your responses have been accurately recorded for later analysis.

How long will testing take and where will it happen?

The interview will be conducted in one session between 3 and 9 months after the adult with aphasia experienced their stroke. It will take approximately 30 minutes. The interview will be conducted at one of the following locations that is most convenient and agreed between you and the researcher:

- The University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research, Herston
- The University of Queensland, St Lucia
- Your home

Are there any risks associated with this research?

There are no significant risks associated with the interview procedure. If you experience any psychological distress during the interview due to the topics of discussion, you are permitted to pause the interview at any point. You will be permitted to resume the interview at a later time, or withdraw your participation from the study without any penalty.

Will my privacy be protected?

Your privacy and confidentiality will be maintained at all times during this project. You will be assigned a unique number, and all relevant data will be stored with this number in locked filing cabinets or on password protected computers. This information will be stored safely and securely at The University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research and The University of Queensland, St Lucia campus. Your interview responses will not be published in a way that could reveal your identity. If you wish to access the information collected from you during the interview you may contact the project researchers. You will also be directed to any publications arising from this study.

What if I change my mind once I have started the study?

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to withdraw your participation and/or data from the project at any time, without affecting the quality of your future care at any medical facility or your relations with staff at the University of Queensland.

What if I have questions about the project?

If you would like to participate in an interview, or would like further information, please contact Bonnie Cheng (Email: bonnie.cheng@uq.edu.au). If you have any queries regarding the nature of this research or the procedures, please contact Prof David Copland by phone (07 3346 5539) or email (d.copland@uq.edu.au), who will be happy to provide you with more information.

Thank you for your interest and support of this research.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee and The University of Queensland Medical Research Ethics Committee. You are free to discuss your participation in this study with project staff (3346 6110). Should you wish to discuss the study in relation to your rights as a participant, or should you wish to make an independent complaint, you can contact the Coordinator or Chairperson, Human Research Ethics Committee, Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Herston, Qld, 4029 or telephone (07) 3636 5490. Alternatively, you may contact either the University Ethics Officer on 3365 3924 or the Hospital Research Secretariat on 3163 1585, should you wish to speak to an ethics officer not involved in the study.