
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Research title: Communication Partner Training (CPT) in post-stroke aphasia services: Developing an implementation strategy to address barriers and improve practice.

Lay title: Factors influencing Communication Partner Training (CPT) in aphasia services.

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Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. Please read the following information about the project so that you can decide whether you would like to take part in this research.

What is this research about?

Communication Partner Training (CPT) is a type of intervention provided by speech pathologists (SLPs) that involves **training communication partners** to use supportive communication strategies during interactions with people with aphasia (Simmons-Mackie et al., 2016).

This study is part of a program of research to improve Communication Partner Training provided to healthcare professionals working in stroke and aphasia. The aim of this study is to **identify the barriers to implementing Communication Partner Training in stroke services**, and healthcare professionals' **training needs**. We will use these findings to inform the development of an implementation package to improve practice in Australian stroke services.

Who can participate?

To participate in this study, you must **be a healthcare professional** who:

- is currently working in Australia or has worked in Australia in the previous 12 months;
- has worked with at least one patient/client in the last 2 years who had aphasia due to a stroke; and
- has worked in one of the following settings: acute, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient hospital setting, or community setting.

What will I need to do?

You are invited to complete an anonymous online survey. Completion of this survey will take approximately 15 minutes. Questions in the survey will relate to previous training, preferences for future training, and your opinions on implementation challenges.

Total approximate time requirement: *15 minutes*.

Will I be reimbursed for my time?

If you are eligible to participate and complete the survey, you will receive a \$20 gift voucher in recognition of your time. The collection of personal information in relation to receiving the gift voucher will be through a separate link at the end of the survey that will not be linked to your survey responses.

Will I benefit from participating in this research?

You may not directly benefit from participating in this research project. However, we hope your responses will help improve Communication Partner Training for healthcare professionals working with people with aphasia, in the future.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

We do not anticipate any risks from participating this study.

What will happen to the information about me?

All data and documentation collected as part of your participation will be kept confidential, kept electronically and will be password protected. Data will be stored securely on The University of Queensland Research Data Management system and will only be accessed by research project staff.

The survey will not be identifiable. This means that any personal information collected will not be linked to your survey responses. The results of this study will be presented in an unidentified format in resulting publications and presentations. This unidentified data may be used in future research projects that are extensions of, or closely related to, the original project or in the same general area of research.

When will I know the results of the study?

If you would like to be informed of the overall findings of this research, please contact Kirstine Shrubsole at k.shrubsole@uq.edu.au and you will be sent a summary of the research findings on the completion of the study. Alternatively, you can select this as an option upon completing the survey.

Can I be involved in the other studies related to this research project?

If you are interested in being involved in future stages of this research project, please indicate so at the completion of the survey. The researchers will contact you when recruiting for the next stage.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation in this research is voluntary.

Can I withdraw from the study?

You are free to withdraw from the research anytime without needing to provide any explanation. Choosing to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with the researchers or The University of Queensland. You can stop participating at any time by stopping the survey and closing the web browser. Once you have commenced the survey, your data cannot be withdrawn as all survey data entered is unidentifiable, and we will not know who entered it.

Research Project Contact Information

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2024/HE000004).

If you would like information on the research project, or would like to make a complaint or raise a concern, please contact: Dr Kirstine Shrubsole (k.shrubsole@uq.edu.au).

If you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the UQ Ethics Coordinator Office via phone (+617 3365 3924 / +617 3443 1656) or email (humanethics@research.uq.edu.au).

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