



**HREC Project Number:** 87116

**Research Project Title:** Teach- ABI Australia: Adapting the Teach-ABI Module to the Australian Educational Context

**Principal Researcher:** Dr Sarah Knight, Team Leader and Senior Research Officer, Neurodisability and Rehabilitation

**Associate Investigators:** Dr Shannon Scratch and Ms Marnie Drake

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We are inviting you to take part in our research study:

### What is the project about?

A research team at Holland Bloorview Research Institute, Toronto, Canada, has developed an e-Learning module called Teach-ABI, which aims to improve educators' awareness and knowledge of acquired brain injury and promote positive outcomes for children with ABI in the education system. This module was developed and evaluated in the context of the Canadian education system. The objective of this study is to adapt the module to meet the needs of Australian primary school educators. The study will use the reflections of Australian primary school educators upon reviewing Teach-ABI to help inform what aspects need to be modified or changed to best suit the Australian education context.

### Who is running the project?

This project is a collaboration between a research team at Murdoch Children's Research Institute, consisting of Dr Sarah Knight and Ms Marnie Drake, a current Master's student at the University of Melbourne and the research team at Holland Bloorview Research Institute in Canada led by Dr Shannon Scratch. This project is not funded.

### Why am I being asked to take part?

You are being asked to take part in this project because you are an educator registered with the relevant authority body of your state (e.g., Victorian Institute of Teaching) eligible to teach grade prep to 6 school aged children.

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### What do I need to do in this research project?

An outline of what you will be asked to do as part of the project is provided in the table below:

Step	Stage	Time required
Complete a demographic and knowledge survey	1	15 minutes
Access and complete the online module (Teach-ABI)	2	60 minutes
Complete a semi-structured interview to share your thoughts on the module	3	45 minutes
Complete a post module feedback survey	4	2 minutes

You can find out more information about the data collected and interview below.

### Interview and Online Questionnaire

Study participants will attend one virtual session, which can be completed entirely on zoom. This two-hour session will involve completing a questionnaire about ABI, accessing and working through the online module, and then sharing your experience on the module in an interview with the researcher. Whilst you are accessing the module, the researcher will be available to answer any questions that may arise. The interview session will be recorded via zoom or with an audio recording device and an audio file recording saved to allow for transcription via approved MCRI transcription services. . Your responses to the questionnaire and interview will be de-identified. Following the interview, you will be redirected to a final short 2-minute survey to capture your feedback on the module in a series of 10 questions.

### What are the alternatives to taking part?

Participation in this research project is voluntary and your choice. You do not have to agree if you do not want to. Choosing not to take part will not affect your employment or relationship with the institutions running the study.

### Can I withdraw from the project?

If you consent to take part in this project and change your mind, you can withdraw from the project. You do not need to tell us the reason why you want to stop being in the project. If you leave the project, data collected prior to your withdrawal will be deleted.

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### **What are the possible benefits for me and other people in the future?**

There may be no benefit to you. We hope this project will provide more knowledge how to deliver effective education to teachers about ABI.

### **What are the possible risks, side-effects, discomforts and/or inconveniences?**

While accessing the e-module you may find learning about acquired brain injury upsetting. If this happens you can withdraw from completing the e-module. Furthermore, during the semi-structured interviews you may find the interview questions stressful or upsetting. If this occurs, you will be given the option to skip questions, stop the interview or withdraw from the study. The time taken to complete the survey and interview may be of some inconvenience. This will be around 2 hours, to complete the e-module and the interview.

### **What will be done to make sure my information is confidential?**

Any information we collect from you that can identify you will be treated as confidential. We can disclose the information only with your permission, except as required by law. Data collected for transcription and shared with transcription services will be kept confidential and secure on encrypted websites. The transcription service do not store any data, as files erased once transcription has been completed. The information collected will be de-identified. This means that we will remove your name and give the information a special code number. Only the research team can match your name to the code number, if it is necessary to do so. Data collected while you access the website are stored in Australia. Only the research team are authorised to access the data. Data are securely encrypted for transfer. Data, interview transcripts, and audio files will be stored on a password-protected computer database housed on an MCRI server for 5 years post study closure. After this time, the data will be securely destroyed. Following the completion and analysis of the study, the data will be retained long-term following the mandatory archive period for use in future research projects but will remain de-identified. The following people may access information collected as part of this research project:

- The research team involved with this project
- The Royal Children's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee.

In accordance with relevant Australian privacy and other relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct the information we collect and store about you. Please contact us if you would like to access this information.

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Results may be presented at conferences or seminars, or published in parent and professional journals. When we write or talk about the results of this project, we will report information about the whole group of participants. This means that no one will be able to identify you. If parts of the transcriptions (written version of interview) are used for educational purposes (e.g., presentations at professional conferences) or in written publications (e.g. in a journal paper), they will be de-identified.

### **Will I be informed about the results when the research project is finished?**

When the research project has been completed, you will receive a summary of the results. This will be of the whole group of participants, not your individual results.

### **Consent for future research**

If you are interested and wish to be contacted regarding future research for TeachABI Australia, please indicate this by selecting yes to consent to being contacted regarding future research in the e-consent form. Indicating that you consent to be contacted for future research regarding TeachABI Australia does not mean that you have consented or have any obligation to participate in any studies you may be contacted about.

### **Important things you need to know**

It is your choice whether or not you take part in the research. You do not have to agree if you do not want to.

If you would like to take part in the research project, please sign the consent form at the end of this information statement. By signing the consent form you are telling us that you:

- understand what you have read
- had a chance to ask questions and received satisfactory answers
- consent to taking part in the project.

We will give you a copy of this information and consent form to keep.

If you have any questions about the project, you can contact Dr Sarah Knight on (03) 9936 6577. You can also email her at [sarah.knight@mcri.edu.au](mailto:sarah.knight@mcri.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

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You can contact the Director of Research Ethics & Governance at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne if you:

- have any concerns or complaints about the project
- are worried about your rights as a research participant
- would like to speak to someone independent of the project.

The Director can be contacted by telephone on (03) 9345 5044.

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