

Phase III Development of a Valid, Reliable, Clinically Feasible Measure of Transactional Success in Aphasic Conversation

WHAT is it?

We are inviting you to participate in a research study of CONVERSATION in APHASIA.

WHY are we doing this?

We know that people with aphasia communicate better than they talk. Unfortunately, most of our aphasia tests are unable to show this simple fact. We are developing a test of story retelling to reflect how well people with aphasia communicate with others when the burden of communication is shared between conversation partners.



HOW does it work?



All the study sessions are conducted on Zoom. Participants will watch and listen to short video clips that tell a story. Following each video clip, you will engage in a six-minute conversation with either a familiar or unfamiliar conversation partner, with the goal of enabling the partner to retell the story. In each session, you will watch 4 video clips. Sessions will last approximately one hour.

WHAT are the eligibility requirements to participate?

You must have aphasia from a left hemisphere stroke. You must be fluent in English and pass a brief screen to show sufficient auditory comprehension to understand and retell stories. You must have a familiar conversation partner who can participate in one of the study sessions, and have access to a computer with a camera and online access. If you need technical assistance to participate in the Zoom study sessions, you must have someone who can help you.

WHAT kind of commitment is required?

You will participate in 4 or 5 approximately 1-hour study sessions over the course of 2-3 weeks.

WILL I be COMPENSATED for my participation?

You will be compensated with one \$25 Amazon gift card for each study session you complete, for a total of \$100 or \$125 in gift cards.

HOW do I get more information about the study?

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