

Participant Information Sheet

Title	Assessment and management of body awareness after stroke: a questionnaire of clinician perspectives
Short Title	Body awareness after stroke
Project Number	205678
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Associate Investigator(s)	Dr Brenton Hordacre, Dr Jeric Uy

What does my participation involve?

You are invited to take part in this research project, titled 'Body Awareness After Stroke' which will require completing a simple questionnaire of approximately 10-minute duration.

This document informs you of the research project and explains the processes involved with participation.

What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to gain neurological therapists' (physiotherapists and occupational therapists) understanding of body awareness following stroke.

Stroke is the leading cause of disability globally. It can result in sensory and motor impairments, making relatively simple tasks, such as eating, walking, personal hygiene, and social engagement difficult. Emerging evidence reveals that impairment in body awareness following stroke can recover. However, we are unsure if or how body awareness is currently addressed in clinical settings. Therefore, the aim of this project is to gain therapists understanding of body awareness to ultimately enable better assessment and management in stroke rehabilitation.

What does participation in this research involve?

Participation in this project involves:

- Consenting to participate in the project and agreeing to disclose non-identifiable, demographic data.
- Completion of the body awareness questionnaire (estimated 10-minute duration).

Do I have to take part in this research project?

Participation in this research project is voluntary. You are free to withdraw at any stage with nil obligation to justify your decision. If you do decide to take part, your entry and completion of the questionnaire implies consent to collect your questionnaire responses. Your decision whether to take part or not to take part, will not affect your routine care, your relationship with professional staff or your relationship with the University of South Australia as all data is anonymous.

What will happen to information about me?

All data is anonymous, and your information will only be used for the purpose of this research project, with the intention to present and submit group-level findings in a journal publication.

The data will be stored securely in encrypted cloud storage to ensure backup and data loss is minimised throughout the research timeframe and stored for a 5-year period post-study completion in accordance with university and national research standards.

Withdrawing from the project: all data submitted will be deleted/not used.

Are there risks to participating?

There will be no foreseeable risks involved with participation in this research.

What happens when the research project ends?

Data collection will occur over a 7-month period. Thesis publication and availability of summary findings is anticipated to be released from the end of 2024.

Who is organising and funding the research?

This research project is being conducted by William Mansfield (physiotherapy student) with supervisory team expertise in neurosciences and stroke rehabilitation.

You will not benefit financially from your involvement in this research project.

There are no research sponsorships or funding allocations for this research project, nor are there any declarations of interest relating to researchers.

Who has reviewed the research project?

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of the University of South Australia as required by the Australian government research requirements, specified in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007 - updated 2018). This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

Further information and contact details:

If you would like any further information concerning this project or if you have any problems which may be related to involvement in the project, you can contact the researcher via the contact details below:

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