

Participant Information Sheet – Picture Support

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Study Title:

Predicting Language Outcome and Recovery After Stroke (PLORAS)

You are being invited to take part in a research study.



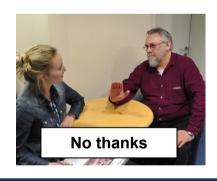




You can decide to take part or not.







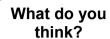
Read about the research before you decide.

Yes? No? Maybe?



Talk to others such as friends and family to help you decide.

Take your time to decide if you want to take part or not.





Ask research staff questions.

What will I be asked to do?



For more information:

E-mail: ploras@ucl.ac.uk

Tel: 0207 813 1538 or 07984 111 585

Website: www.ucl.ac.uk/ploras

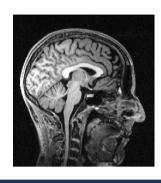
Write to: PLORAS Research Team

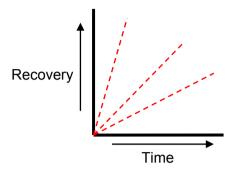
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What is the study for?

We want to **learn** how the **brain recovers speech and language** after **stroke**.



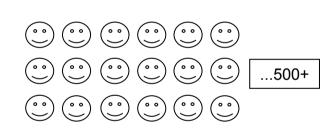


Why have I been chosen?

We would like to look at **how stroke affects many different people** – to look for **patterns**.

We will look at the brains of hundreds of different people.





You have had a stroke and we think you may be suitable for this project.

We are including people with and without speech and language difficulties.

How does the PLORAS study work?

We use **MRI scanners** to take a picture of the brain.



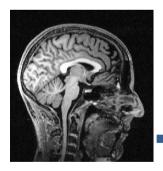




We carry out language assessments.



We look for patterns between the brain scan, language assessment, and time since stroke.







This will help us to understand:

- Why some people have difficulties with speech and language after their stroke and others do not;
- Why some people quickly recover speech and language after their stroke, but others take much longer.

What will happen if I say 'yes' to the research?

1. Screening questionnaire

You will be given a screening questionnaire.

Questionnaire ???

Medical history Personal information

2. Contact from the PLORAS Research Team

Someone from the PLORAS Research Team will contact you.

They will tell you:

- If you can be **included** in the study.
- If you can have an MRI scan at our research centre.
- If we need to use a copy of a brain scan you've already had in hospital.



3. Appointment

You will be given a 2-3 hour appointment, when it is convenient for you.



Appointment = 2-3 hours

MRI scan

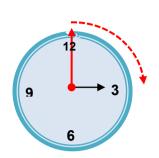
You will have an MRI scan.



You will need to lie still in the MRI machine.



A structural MRI scan takes 15 minutes.

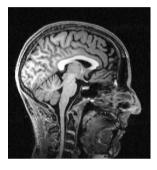




We will take a **picture** of your **brain**.







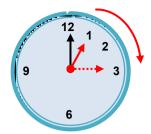
Language assessment

We will **test** your **speaking**, **understanding**, **reading** and **writing**, and **thinking skills**.





The tests might take 2 hours in total.



We might need to film the tests so we can look at them in detail later.

You can say **no** to **filming**.







Answering questions

We will ask you some questions about your stroke and recovery.





Hearing and vision test

We will also test your hearing and vision.





Important points about the appointment

Appointments are at our research centre in London.



You can bring a **friend** or **family** member.



A PLORAS researcher will look after you.



You will be asked to sign a consent form to say:

- You agree to take part.
- You have read and understand this information sheet.

Sign here: John Smith

You can rest at any time.



You can **stop** at any time.







We can do the language assessment on a different day if you are tired.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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We can do the language assessment at your house if you want.



It is not a medical appointment – we cannot give advice or treatment.



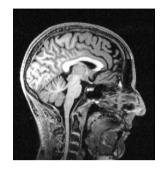
We may be able to give you information about clinics or support groups.

What if I can't have an MRI scan?

We will **ask** your local **hospital** for a **picture** of your **brain** if we cannot scan you.

We will get them in a safe way so they don't get lost.







How long will I be in the PLORAS study for?

Taking part only involves one appointment.

We may contact you to ask you to return to have another MRI scan and language assessment at a later date to see if there has been any change.

You can say 'yes' or 'no' to returning.



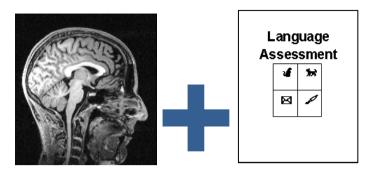






We may also ask if we can get **copies of brain scans** and **other assessments** you had in **hospital**.





Is it my choice to take part?

Yes – it is your choice.

You can say 'yes' or 'no' to doing the research.









If you say 'yes', you or someone you know (friend or family) will sign a form to say 'yes'.







Sign here: John Smith

If you change your mind you can say 'stop' at any time.





Will I get any money?

You will get £10 for every hour of research at our research centre.



1 hour = £10

We will pay for your train, bus, taxi or petrol.









You will **not get any expenses** for the time it takes to fill in the **screening questionnaire**.

Questionnaire ???

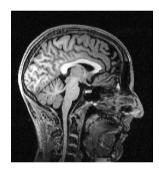
Medical history Personal information



Benefits

We can give you a picture of your brain scan.

There are **no other personal benefits**.



It will not help you recover.

It might help other people recover in the future.



Is there anything bad about taking part?

There are **no known side effects to MRI** (when guidelines are followed) and it is **painless**.





Safety guidelines

A radiographer will ask for your medical and surgical history.

They will ask about any **injuries** involving **metal**, or **metal work** you have done.

You will need to complete and sign a checklist before the scan.

Medical history:

Surgery Yes □ No □ Metal in eye Yes □ No □ Tattoos Yes □ No □





You will need to **remove metal** things, for example **necklaces**, **watches** and **money**.

This is because the MRI machine has a strong magnet.

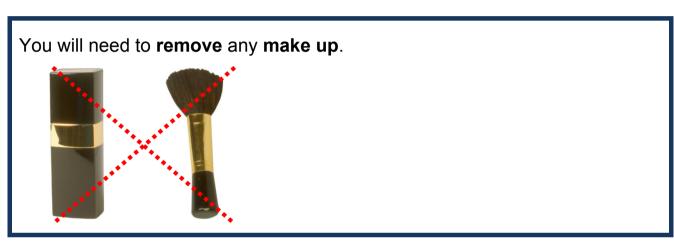


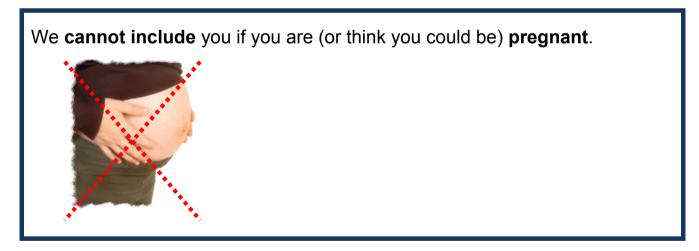












If you have had an **operation** where **metal** was put in your body, we might need to **X-ray** you.





If metal has been in your eye, we might need to X-ray you.





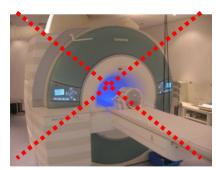
What if something goes wrong?

We follow strict safety guidelines.

We may not be able to carry out a scan because of technical difficulties, safety regulations or if you do not feel well.







No scan

If you have any **complaints** about the way you have been treated, **speak to** the researcher or Chief Investigator.





If your complaint is not dealt with satisfactorily, contact:

University College London Hospitals Complaints 2 020 3447 7413

□ complaints.officer@uclh.nhs.uk.

UCL has **insurance** for participants.

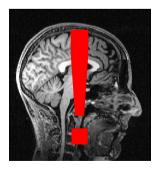
In the unlikely event that you experience any harm or injury, you may be able to claim compensation if it is proved that UCL staff were at fault.

Please make the claim in writing to the Chief Investigator, Professor Cathy Price.

If the study is being carried out in a hospital the hospital is still responsible for your care.

UCL are **not responsible for staff at other hospitals** – NHS or private.

If an unexpected abnormality is seen on your MRI brain scan, we will contact your GP.





Will personal information about me be safe?

Information about you will be stored in our PLORAS Database.

Name: John Smith

Date of Birth: 12/06/1953 Address: 10 The Street,

LONDON

Medical History: Stroke,

etc.



Database

Participant Name:

Date of Birth:

Participant Address:

Medical History:

Language Assessment Results:

MRI Scan:

Other researchers who have ethical approval will be able to access your data with your name and address removed.

Database

Participant Name: XXXXXXX

Date of Birth: 12/06/1953

Participant Address:

XXXXXXX

Medical History: Stroke, etc...

Language assessment results:

MRI scan:





Other studies with ethical approval

Paper files will be kept in a locked cabinet and only accessed by relevant team members.



Videos will be kept on a computer in our research centre.

They can only be accessed by authorised personnel.

You will be asked to sign a consent form and you can choose what your video will be used for.

Videos will not be destroyed - unless you request this, but will be kept in our PLORAS Database.









The data controller will be the UCLH NHS Trust.

University College London Hospitals **NHS**



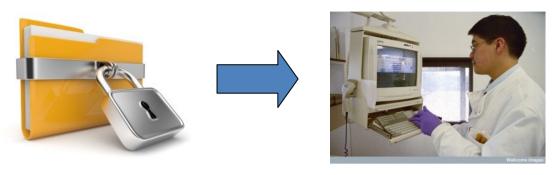
NHS Foundation Trust

The researcher responsible for keeping your information safe is Professor Cathy Price.



Consent

You may be asked if you are **happy for your data to be shared with other studies**.



We will only share your data with them if you agree to this.









Consent is an ongoing process.

You can withdraw your consent for processing of your data at any time.









No × If you lose capacity and we are made aware of this we will not contact you but we will keep your data and continue to use it confidentially.



What will happen at the end of the research?

It will take years to finish the research.

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016...

When we have an MRI scan of lots of people:

- We will write about what we learned in scientific journals.
- You will be given the **full results** of the research when it is **finished**.
- We will **not write your name** or **where you live** in the study.





Who is paying for the research?

The **Wellcome Trust** pays for:

- Our MRI machines.
- Our research centre.
- Other medical research.

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Who has checked the research?

The London Queen Square Research Ethics Committee have read about our research and given us permission to do it.



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