

The University of Sydney Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab

NEWSLETTER FOR CLINICIANS AND RESEARCHERS
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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

We are pleased to share with you our first newsletter. We are a team of researchers from a number of institutions, who are linked with the Acquired Brain Injury Communication Lab at the University of Sydney. Our team is lead by **Professor Leanne Togher**, and includes experienced researchers, post-doctoral researchers, PhD and honours students, and project staff. You can find out more about us and our work by visiting:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/medicine-health/our-research/research-centres/acquired-brain-injury-communication-lab.html>



Help us develop free resources for clinical assessment and intervention of social media skills

We are asking clinicians who work with people with ABI to complete a 30 minute online survey about social media and brain injury rehabilitation. Visit this link for more information and to complete the survey:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=8PMLKJ8MYH>

For details, contact Dr Melissa Brunner at melissa.brunner@sydney.edu.au

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Seeking clinicians, people with brain injury, and family members

We are creating an online treatment to improve communication skills between a person with a brain injury and the people around them. Our PhD student at UTS, Melissa Miao, is running **an online focus group to discuss the most important issues** when this treatment online. For more information, contact Melissa Miao at melissa.miao@uts.edu.au.



What do you think about using virtual reality?

Our PhD student at Sydney Uni, Sophie Brassel, is surveying speech pathologists about **using virtual reality for cognitive-communication disorders after TBI**. This study will involve an online focus group.

For further information, contact Sophie Brassel at sbra2357@uni.sydney.edu.au or visit this link: <https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=XLKPYNRLEX>



Opportunities for people with ABI to take part in research

We are interested in helping people to use social media safely and successfully after a brain injury. We are running:

- an interview study to ask people about **how they use social media**
- a study about **learning social media skills** including practising skills in a private moderated Facebook group

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UPDATES ON CLINICAL RESOURCES

- The [TBIconneCT](#) and [TBI Express](#) programs are available through ASSBI.
- Free video resources are available on our [YouTube channel](#).
- We're working on new resources launching later in 2021. Coming soon - **interact-ABI-lity** - a free short online course with tips on how to interact with someone with an ABI.