



Occupational therapists' perspectives on the barriers and enablers to providing stroke rehabilitation in rural and metropolitan contexts, within Western Australia.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

HREC Project Number:	HRE2021-0129
Project Title:	<i>Occupational therapists' perspectives on the barriers and enablers to providing stroke rehabilitation in rural and metropolitan contexts, within Western Australia.</i>
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What is the Project About?

The purpose of this project is to explore the barriers and enablers to stroke rehabilitation in rural and metropolitan hospitals from the perspective of occupational therapists. This is important to understand because there appears to be a difference between stroke rehabilitation in rural and metropolitan hospitals.

Who is doing the Research?

This is an occupational therapy honours project, which is led by Dr Craig Thompson and Ms Jane Gibson. There will be no costs to you, and you will not be paid for participating in this project.

Why am I being asked to take part and what will I have to do?

If you are an occupational therapist and you have worked in stroke management or rehabilitation for at six months, you will be asked to participate in this study.

To participate in this study, you will be invited to complete an online questionnaire that will take approximately 20 minutes. At the end of the survey you will be asked if you are also interested in participating in an interview.

Are there any benefits' to being in the research project?

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this research.

Are there any risks, side-effects, discomforts or inconveniences from being in the research project?

There are no risks or side effects to participating in this study.



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Who will have access to my information?

The information collected in this research will be re-identifiable (coded). This means that we will collect data that can identify you and then remove identifying information on any data or sample and replace it with a code when we analyse the data. Only the research team have access to the code to match your name if it is necessary to do so. Any information we collect will be treated as confidential and used only in this project unless otherwise specified. The following people will have access to the information we collect in this research: the research team and, in the event of an audit or investigation, staff from the Curtin University Office of Research and Development.

Electronic data (including audio files) will be password-protected and backed-up daily. Hard copy data will be stored in locked storage. The information we collect in this study will be kept under secure conditions at Curtin University for seven years after the research is published and then it will be destroyed.

The results of this research may be presented at conferences or published in professional journals. You will not be identified in any results that are published or presented.

Will you tell me the results of the research?

If you are interested in obtaining a summary of the results please contact the researchers after November 2021. Results will not be individual but based on all the information we collect and review as part of the research.

Do I have to take part in the research project?

Taking part in a research project is voluntary. It is your choice to take part or not. You do not have to agree if you do not want to. If you decide to take part and then change your mind, that is okay, and you can withdraw from the project. With your permission, if you chose to leave the study we will use any information collected unless you tell us not to.

What happens next and who can I contact about the research?

At the start of the questionnaire there is a checkbox to indicate you have understood the information provided here in the information sheet. By ticking this checkbox, it is telling us that you understand what you have read and what has been discussed. By ticking this checkbox indicates that you agree to be in the research project. Please take your time and ask any questions you have before you decide what to do. You will be given a copy of this information and the consent form to keep.

If you have any further questions about this research, please contact Craig Thompson (9266 3942).

Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HREC number HRE2021-0129). Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au.