

Participant Information Leaflet

Name of Study: Survey of outcome measure use among therapists working in stroke

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| Site | Online Survey |
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| Data Controllers | Trinity College Dublin |
| Data Protection Officer | Data Protection Officer Secretary's Office Trinity College Dublin Dublin 2 |

You are being invited to take part in a research study examining levels of outcome measure usage among therapists working in stroke. Data will be collected via an anonymous online survey, the lead investigator is Dr Tadhg Stapleton, Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy at Trinity College Dublin.

Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part, please read this information sheet carefully. Don't feel rushed or under pressure to make a quick decision. If you have any questions about the survey you can ask the lead investigator (Dr Stapleton) via the contact details above.

This leaflet has five main parts:

- Part 1 – The Study
- Part 2 – Data Protection
- Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval
- Part 4 – Future Research
- Part 5 – Further Information

Part 1 – The Study

Why is this study being done?

This survey is being conducted to obtain an overview of current areas of intervention provided by therapists working across the spectrum of stroke care and the typical outcome measures being used.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being invited to participate in this survey as you are a therapist (Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Speech & Language Therapist) working with stroke patients. You are being asked to consider participating in this survey as you will be attending the Stroke Bootcamp education and training sessions, and this is an opportunity to gather some data to get an overview of typical interventions and outcome measures being used by therapists across the spectrum of stroke care.

Do I have to take part? Can I withdraw?

Your participation in this anonymous survey is entirely voluntary, you are under no obligation to engage in the survey. Your participation in the Stroke Bootcamp will be in no way impacted by your decision to complete the survey or not.

As this is an anonymous survey once you have voluntarily completed and submitted the survey online you will not be able to withdraw, because the surveys are anonymous it will not be possible to identify your survey once it is submitted. You can discontinue completing the survey at any time prior to submission and whatever answers you have provided will not be recorded. After having read this Information Letter and you decide to complete the survey your consent to participate is assumed once you voluntarily submit your completed survey.

What happens if I change my mind?

You can change your mind about participating at any time up to the submission of your completed survey. However, it will not be possible to withdraw after you have submitted your completed anonymous survey online.

How will the study be carried out?

Data on outcome measure use among therapists working in stroke care will be collected by means of an online anonymous survey. You have automatically received notice of this survey when you completed your registration for the Stroke Bootcamp. You are asked to read this Information Letter and consider if you would like to participate and complete the anonymous survey. If you decide to participate you can complete this survey at any time, it should take no longer than 20 minutes of your time to complete the survey. The survey will remain open until the end of June 2022.

What will happen to me if I decide to take part?

After reading this information letter and you wish to complete the survey you can click on the URL link at the end of this letter that will take you to the online survey. The survey is anonymous and you will not be asked to disclose any personally identifying information about yourself, nor will you be asked to disclose your place of work. Your IP address will not be collected and there will be no way of identifying you from the details you submit in the survey.

The survey asks general questions about your clinical work with stroke patients, what outcome measures you typically use in your practice and factors that influence your choice of outcome measures. It should take you approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey. There will be no follow up after you have submitted your completed survey.

What will happen to my Data?

As this is an anonymous survey, all completed survey forms will be received by the researcher anonymously. There will be no way of identifying you personally from the data gathered. The survey data will be analysed by the researcher, Dr Stapleton. The data from all submitted surveys will be analysed collectively and there will be no analysis of individual surveys. All the anonymous data (completed survey forms) will be stored on a password protected Trinity College Dublin PC in an encrypted file, this data will only be available to Dr Stapleton.

The anonymous data will be analysed collectively with the aim of disseminating the findings via peer reviewed journal publications and relevant conferences. There will be no way of identifying any individual respondent or their place of work in any findings presented on this study.

The data will not be used for any other purpose.

Are there any benefits to taking part in this research?

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. The collective findings from the study may be useful to provide an overview of outcome measure use among therapists working in stroke and as such may be useful to guide practice in this area.

Are there any risks to me or others if I take part?

There are no risks envisioned in participating in this survey, you will not be asked to divulge any personal information about yourself or your place of work.

Will I be told the outcome of the study?

You will not be told individually of the outcomes of this study as the data is being collected anonymously. The findings of this survey will be disseminated via peer reviewed journal publications and at appropriate professional conference etc. Any dissemination activity will focus on collective description of the findings, there will be no way to identify any individual or their place of work in any findings from the study.

Part 2 – Data Protection

What information about me (personal data) will be used as part of this study?

This anonymous survey will not gather any of your personal data. Personal identifying information including place of work will not be requested or recorded in this survey. All completed surveys will be submitted anonymously (IP addresses will not be recorded) and are therefore not traceable back to you.

What are my rights?

This is an anonymous survey. Once you have voluntarily submitted the completed anonymous survey you will not be able to request a withdrawal from the study as your individual survey will not be identifiable. You will also be unable to request access to your individual survey to make any revisions or corrections after submission as it will be impossible to identify your individual survey.

Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval

Has this study been approved by a research ethics committee?

This study has been approved by the Trinity College Dublin, School of Medicine research Ethics Committee on 20th April 2022.

Who is organising and funding this study? Will the results be used for commercial purposes?

This study is not funded and results will not be used for any commercial purposes.

Is there any payment for taking part? Will it cost me anything if I agree to take part?

There is no payment for taking part in this study.

Part 4 – Future Research

Will my data be used in future studies?

The data gathered will be used only for the purposes of this study, it will not be shared or used in other research studies.

Part 5 – Further Information

Who should I contact for information or complaints?

If you have any concerns or questions, you can contact:

- Principal Investigator: Dr Tadhg Stapleton, tadhg.stapleton@tcd.ie, 018963214.
- Data Protection Officer, Trinity College Dublin: Data Protection Officer, Secretary's Office, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2, Ireland. Email: dataprotection@tcd.ie. Website: www.tcd.ie/privacy.

Under GDPR, if you are not satisfied with how your data is being processed, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commission, 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2, Ireland. Website: www.dataprotection.ie.

Will I be contacted again?

You will not be contacted again about this study, your responses will be anonymous and your contact details will not be held by the researcher.



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Having read this Participant Information Leaflet and you are happy to continue to complete the survey please click on the link below. You understand that your responses are totally anonymous and once you have submitted the completed survey you will not have the option to withdraw or change any of your responses.

ACCESS THE SURVEY: click on the URL below to access the survey

https://nursingandmidwifery.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8iEkWJvkKgTf0jk