Calling all Speech Pathologists...........

Would you like to contribute to a national aphasia therapy trial?

Opportunities currently exist to be an assessor or therapist in the COMPARE trial

An NHMRC funded national randomised controlled trial comparing Constraint Induced and Multi-Modal Aphasia Therapies for post-stroke aphasia

COMPARE is a high quality national research trial aiming to provide much needed evidence to assist therapists in their selection of constraint or multi-modal treatments for particular clients at either high or low intensity.

COMPARE will recruit up to 200 participants with chronic aphasia over the next 3 years (2016-2018) in Melbourne, Gold Coast, Sydney, Perth, Hobart, and Brisbane.

We are seeking expressions of interest from qualified speech pathologists for casual employment as:

1. **Blinded Assessors**

   Blinded Assessors are required to consent, screen and assess trial participants. Assessments will take place in participants’ homes or an approved location and can be scheduled at times mutually convenient to the participant and the assessor (within protocol limitations). Assessment sessions are approximately 2.5 hours long. Blinded assessors will receive thorough paid training in all assessment procedures and support from trial staff.

   This is a role with flexible hours and would suit new graduates as well as experienced speech pathologists. A car and driver’s license are essential.

2. **Intervention Therapists**

   Intervention Therapists are required to provide the COMPARE treatment at designated trial sites. The treatment has two schedules per block:

   1. Main study: Monday to Friday for 2 weeks; hours 9am-2.30pm each day
   2. Sub-study: Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 5 weeks; hours 9am-1pm each day

   The therapist time includes room set up, data recording and upload. Trial therapists will receive thorough paid training in all treatment and trial procedures and support from trial staff.
This is a role that would suit **experienced speech pathologists**. A car and driver’s license are essential.

Given the block nature of the therapy, it will suit many speech pathologists balancing multiple life roles. Therapists can be involved in the main study schedule, the sub-study schedule or a combination of both.

**Additional Information**

You can register your interest in the trial by completing the ‘Expression of Interest’ form below and returning it along with a copy of your full CV to COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au.

Any enquiries or for further information please contact the COMPARE Clinical Trial Managers, Melanie Hurley or Abby Foster on (03) 9479 2776 or COMPAREaphasia@latrobe.edu.au.

Additional information can also be found on the trial website:

www.latrobe.edu.au/compare
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR COMPARE ASSESSOR OR THERAPIST ROLE

Name: ___________________________  Address: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Speech Pathology Qualifications: (what degree, where obtained, when)

Brief Speech Pathology Employment History (include main employers, dates, describe any direct aphasia therapy work):

Preference for trial role (tick all that apply)

☐ Blinded Assessor  ☐ Intervention Therapist (Main Study)  ☐ Intervention Therapist (Sub-Study)

Availability for work in the trial: (List Dates available)