

It's easy to participate!

We have many options for sessions



Self-Transportation:
We can give you \$40
each session to cover
costs to our lab



Freedom Car:
Free door-to-door car
service to our lab



Hotel: If you live far
away, we can provide
free lodging in a hotel
close to our lab



Home: Depending on
location and
availability, we may
be able to have
sessions in your home

Optional parts of the study

You can choose if you want to do the parts of the study listed below

- MRI: Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- fNIRS: functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy
- Genetic analysis of saliva sample

Stroke Recovery Project



Are you **older than 18 years old?**
Have you had a **stroke in the last 3 months?**
Do you have **speech and language difficulty?**

You may qualify to participate in a study with free language therapy!

Stroke Cognitive Outcomes and REcovery (SCORE) Lab

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What is it?

- 15 sessions of free language therapy
- Study Goal: To understand whether non-invasive brain stimulation can help make language therapy more effective for people with language problems caused by stroke (“aphasia”)



What you'll do

- Computerized treatment that has been shown to improve spoken naming
- Along with a type of non-invasive brain stimulation called transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)



tDCS

- Low voltage electrical current applied with electrodes and sponges
- Stimulation is not painful; sometimes people report it itches a little
- Most people do not feel it after 30 seconds



- No long-term risks
- The idea is that tDCS makes it easier for neurons to fire, and using it while doing a task can help strengthen the network of brain areas involved in that task

Why tDCS?

- By comparing groups, we want to see if the stimulation adds to the effects of language therapy

Group 1: Therapy only

- tDCS machine is on for 30 seconds

Group 2: Therapy + Stimulation

- tDCS machine is on for 20 minutes

- Groups are assigned randomly, like flipping a coin
- The study is “double-blind.” Neither the researchers in the sessions nor the participants know who is getting the stimulation



How many sessions?

Baseline language and cognitive assessments

- 2-3 sessions each 1-2 hours
- Evaluate language and eligibility before therapy

15 treatment sessions

- 1 hour each, at least 3 times a week

Follow-Ups

- 2 sessions each 1-2 hours
- Evaluate improvement after treatment, at time points: 1 week, 5 weeks, 20 weeks