

Visual Neuropsychology Research Group Newsletter – July 2024

Welcome!

With this newsletter, we want to tell you about some of the conferences we have visited, showcase what our research group has been doing over the past few months, and propose opportunities for you to get involved in ongoing studies.

Enjoy!
Kathleen



Conferences

Over the past few months, we visited two major conferences. We went to the World Conference of Neurorehabilitation in Vancouver in May. The conference is very interdisciplinary and we learnt about current and future work in neurorehabilitation. We also attended the first Global Neuropsychology Congress in Porto just recently at the beginning of July. We met up with our colleagues from Oxford and Belgium and made new connection with researchers from the Philippines and Canada.



Training sessions

We have delivered several training sessions for health professionals in Scotland, London, Ireland, and at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists.



Translations

OxVPS has two successful translations completed in Cantonese and Tagalog which is absolutely amazing! We are in the process of developing further translations in Danish, Italian and Dutch.

Diagnostic accuracy

OxVPS is also currently being tested for its diagnostic accuracy in 3 hospitals in the UK. So far 171 people out of the intended 200 having been recruited. Watch out for the results in our next newsletter.

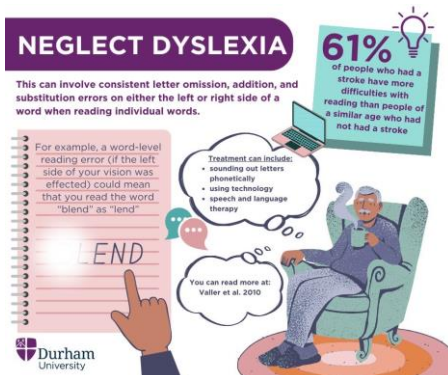
Social media campaign

Over the past couple of months, we have had an ongoing social media campaign to raise awareness about visual perception difficulties after stroke through infographics.

These infographics showcased visual perception issues that can occur after a stroke alongside rehabilitation advice. We also shared stories of stroke survivors and how visual perception issues have affected them. We also posted a few infographics on how OxVPS can support screening of visual perception issues.

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@katvancleef or on
www.linkedin.com/in/katvancleef-visual-perception to see these infographics.

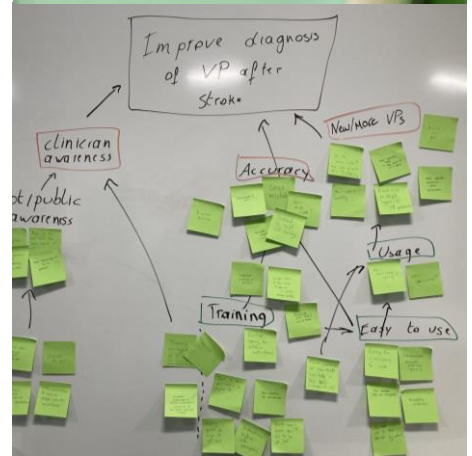
Story of a stroke survivor



Research participation opportunities

There are a few ongoing studies that you may be interested in.

- Survey for healthcare professionals about the awareness about visual perception issues. It should only take around ten minutes to complete:
<https://rb.gy/luvypq>
- Survey and interviews for OxVPS users. This is by invitation only. If you have been using OxVPS for at least 3 months and have not yet received an invite, please email kathleen.vancleef@durham.ac.uk.
- Study for stroke survivors looking at the impact of visual perception problems on people's daily life. This is for people who participated in our previous study at Queen Elisabeth hospital or Bishop Auckland hospital, so if this is you, expect a phone call or email from us in the next few months!
- Prof Dan Smith and Dr Alexis Cheviet are looking for healthy volunteers above 60 years old for [a study on cognitive tests for neurodegenerative diseases](#). A researcher will come to visit you at home 3 times. Contact: alexis.cheviet@durham.ac.uk.



Meet the team

We are introducing Elizabella Belbali. Bella is studying psychology and anthropology. They started working with us in October, producing infographics for our social media campaign. She is currently doing a nine-week internship. Bella is analysing data from our survey with OxVPS users. She is also setting up a survey to see how much awareness there is amongst health professionals about visual perception. Finally, Bella is learning qualitative research skills by interviewing users of OxVPS about their experiences.

Questions? Reactions?

We like hearing from you, so don't hesitate to drop us an email at

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