The BRAin Impairment cliNician and reSearcher Peer Network (BRAINSPaN) is multidisciplinary network of clinicians and researchers in the brain impairment (BI) field in Australia, which has now been running for 6 months.

As part of your membership, we ask that you complete this survey, the data from which may be used for the following purposes:

* To learn about the roles and backgrounds of clinicians/researchers currently involved in the network
* To monitor how participation in BRAINSPaN has impacted on knowledge, skills and confidence in working with people with BI over the past 6 months
* To determine how access to the current evidence base via BRAINSPaN impacts clinical practice

**Section 1: Current work roles**

1. In which state/territory of Australia are you currently working/studying?

ACT

Northern Territory

NSW

Queensland

South Australia

Victoria

Tasmania

Western Australia

1. How would you describe your geographical work/study location?

Metropolitan

Regional

Rural/remote

1. What are your current work roles? (tick all that are applicable):

Clinician

Researcher

Lecturer

Student

Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you currently working with people with brain impairment?

Yes – frequently

Yes - occasionally

No – but I would like to in the future

No – but I have previously worked with this group

No – I am currently on leave

1. What is your professional background/qualification/area of study? (tick all that apply):

Neuropsychologist

Clinical psychologist

Occupational Therapist

Physiotherapist

Speech Pathologist

Social worker

Nutritionist/Dietician

Medical Practitioner

Nurse

Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. If working clinically, what is your current work setting? (tick all that apply):

Hospital - acute

Hospital - inpatient

Hospital - outpatient

Community

Transitional Living

Public sector

Private sector/private practice

University clinic

Other [please describe]

**Section 2: Knowledge, skills and confidence in brain impairment**

1. For how long have you worked in your profession?

less than 1 year

1-5 years

6 - 10 years

11-20 years

more than 20 years

1. For how long have you worked with people with BI?

less than 1 year

1-5 years

6 - 10 years

11-20 years

more than 20 years

1. For how long have you been a member of BRAINSPaN?

less than 1 month

1-3 months

3-6 months

1. How frequently do you currently collaborate with clinicians and/or researchers from other disciplines about the management of clients with BI?

Frequently (i.e. most days)

Sometimes (i.e. about once per week)

Occasionally (i.e. about 1-2 times per month)

Rarely

Never

1. Broadly speaking, what are your goals for participating in this group? (tick all that apply):

Improve my knowledge/skills/confidence in assessment techniques

Improve my knowledge/skills/confidence in intervention techniques

Increase access to new research findings

Increase interaction with other clinicians/researchers in the BI field

Increase collaboration with clinicians/researchers from other disciplines

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. For those who have been participating in BRAINSPaN for 3-6 months, please indicate which of these goals have been addressed via participation in BRAINSPaN? (tick all that apply):

Improve my knowledge/skills/confidence in assessment techniques

Improve my knowledge/skills/confidence in intervention techniques

Increase access to new research findings

Increase interaction with other clinicians/researchers in the BI field

Increase collaboration with clinicians/researchers from other disciplines

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Listed below are a range of assessment/intervention techniques relevant to working with people with brain impairment. Please tick all domains in which you would like to increase your knowledge/skills/confidence:

Administering and interpreting assessment tools to assess BI-related changes

Interviewing skills

Provision of feedback/education about BI-related changes

Goal setting

Case management /coordination of care

Hospital to home discharge planning

Cognitive rehabilitation

Psychological therapies

Behaviour management

Supportive counselling to enhance adjustment to BI

Group intervention (>2 people)

Working with families/carers

Sensory and perceptual skills therapy

Education and training in use of equipment or technology (including home modifications)

Therapy for aphasia

Therapy for cognitive communication disorders

Return to work/study transition support

Basic ADL (self-care) training

IADL training for home and community independence (e.g., driving, public transport, shopping, meal preparation)

Motor speech skills and dysphagia management

Physical therapies and / or mobility training

Pharmaceutical management

1. For those who have been participating in BRAINSPaN for 3-6 months, please tick all domains in which think you have increased your knowledge/skills/confidence as a result of participating in BRAINSPaN:

Administering and interpreting assessment tools to assess BI-related changes

Interviewing skills

Provision of feedback/education about BI-related changes

Goal setting

Case management /coordination of care

Hospital to home discharge planning

Cognitive rehabilitation

Psychological therapies

Behaviour management

Supportive counselling to enhance adjustment to BI

Group intervention (>2 people)

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Please select the three domains from the above list in which you would MOST like to increase your knowledge/skills/confidence. For those who completed the initial survey 6 months ago, please ensure that these are the same three domains you selected then (you may need to check the survey responses sent to you as a pdf at that time):

1. (drop down list)
2. (drop down list)
3. (drop down list)

Questions 12-15 relate to your top three ranked skill areas, and ask you to rate your knowledge, skills and confidence for each of these domains separately. If you participated in the initial survey, these ratings will be compared to your initial ratings at baseline. If you did not participate in the initial survey, these ratings will establish a baseline against which your subsequent ratings of knowledge, skills and confidence in these domains can be compared.

1. How frequently do you use the skill domain you ranked 1/2/3?

Frequently (i.e. most days)

Sometimes (i.e. about once per week)

Occasionally (i.e. about 1-2 times per month)

Rarely

Never

1. How would you rate your current knowledge of the domain you ranked 1/2/3?

1 2 3 4 5

Not at all Not very Somewhat Moderately Highly

knowledgeable knowledgeable knowledgeable knowledgeable knowledgeable

1. How would you rate your current skill level in the domain you ranked 1/2/3?

1 2 3 4 5

Not at all Not very Somewhat Moderately Highly

skilled skilled skilled skilled skilled

1. How would you rate your current confidence level in the domain you ranked 1/2/3?

1 2 3 4 5

Not at all Not very Somewhat Moderately Highly

confident confident confident confident confident

1. What types of activities would you like to engage in as part of this network? (Tick all that apply)

Google group discussion about assessment/intervention techniques

Google group discussion about difficult cases

Google group discussion of recent research advances

Access to resources, videos etc. via the internet

Participation in research

Face-to-face meetings at Australian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI) conferences

Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. For those who have been participating in BRAINSPaN for 3-6 months, how often have you actively participated in BRAINSPaN (i.e. read google group posts, written google group posts, accessed resources, linked with other members):

very frequently (about every 1-2 days)

regularly (about once per week)

occasionally (about 1-2 times per month)

rarely (about once every 3 months or less)

never

1. What, if any, would you say have been the benefits so far of participating in BRAINSPaN?

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1. Do you have any suggestions for improving BRAINSPaN?

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*End of Survey*