

Dear [\[Insert the name of the participant\]](#),

Research Study Title: Focus Group Discussion with Stroke Survivors and Carers about the INTensive ambulance-delivered blood pressure Reduction in biomarker-identified hyper-ACute intracerebral haemorrhage Trial (INTERACT4 Expansion)

Researchers at The George Institute are conducting a project to understand the views of stroke survivors, carers, and the community about a new blood test called GFAP. This test can be performed using a small device and may help paramedics quickly determine if a stroke is caused by bleeding in the brain while in the ambulance. This could allow paramedics to start treatment earlier in the ambulance.

The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Stroke survivors, family carers, or community representatives who would like to share their views about health care, stroke, emergency care, or community wellbeing. This may include people involved in consumer or community groups, people from multicultural or local community organisations, or people with personal experience of hospital or emergency care.
- Adults (18+) who can give informed consent (with communication support if needed)

A trained member of the research team will talk with you, explain the study in plain language, and make sure you have enough information to decide whether you would like to take part.

Participants meeting the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- You cannot give consent even with support, or
- You have a conflict of interest (e.g. being part of the research team)

Participants will be asked to complete the following research activities if they agree to participate:

- Join one in person group discussion that will take approximately 60 minutes to complete
- Share your views on a new blood test and device that could be used in the ambulance, consent in the ambulance during emergencies and paramedics giving blood earlier treatment in the ambulance.

Taking part is voluntary. You can skip questions, take a break, or leave the group at any time. What you share will be kept confidential.

A full description of all research activities, including any risks, harms or discomforts that you may experience while participating in this research will be included in the Participant Information Statement and Consent Form.

Please contact the following person via email or phone to register your interest in taking part in the research:

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Join a Stroke Research Study

Dear (Name)

We invite you to join a **research study** about **stroke care**.



What is the study?

The study is called **INTERACT4 Expansion**.

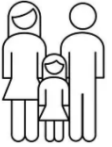
It looks at a **new blood test**  that may help **paramedics**  know if a **stroke is** caused by bleeding in the **brain**. 

This could help start **blood pressure**  **treatment early** and get patients to the **right hospital faster**. 

Who can join?

- People who have **had a stroke**



- **Family** or **carers**  of people with stroke

- **Community members** interested in stroke care

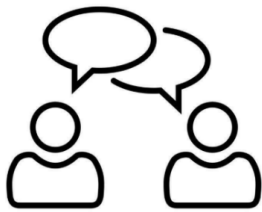


What will you do?

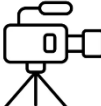
Join **one in-person group talk** that will go for **1 hour**



Share your thoughts about:



- The **new blood test** and device used in the **ambulance**
- Consent in **emergencies**
- Paramedics giving **blood pressure treatment** early

The talk will be **video recorded**,  but **your name will not be used**

You will get **\$50 cash** to thank you.



Important:

- Joining is **your choice**. You don't have to join.
- You can **skip questions**, take a **break**, or **leave anytime** 
- What you say will be **private** 
- More details are in the **Information Sheet and Consent Form** 

Questions or want to join?



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