Welcome to the BRAin Impairment cliNician and reSearcher Peer Network (BRAINSPaN). BRAINSPaN is a multidisciplinary network of clinicians and researchers in the brain impairment (BI) field in Australia. The aim of this group is to share knowledge and skills with peers, and encourage translation of research findings into clinical practice. The primary method of communication between participants of the network is via the BRAINSPaN google group. Information and resources relevant to BRAINSPaN can also be found on the ASSBI website: (put web address)

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 involved in the network
* To understand your goals for participation in the network (i.e. how you want to use the network)
* To monitor how participation in BRAINSPaN impacts on knowledge, skills and confidence in working with people with BI
* 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. 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. 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

Please select the three domains from the above list in which you would MOST like to increase your knowledge/skills/confidence:

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. The purpose of these ratings is to establish a baseline against which your subsequent ratings of knowledge, skills and confidence in these domains can be compared (in future surveys planned to occur 6 and 12 months after this initial survey).

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:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*End of Survey*