

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

### USABILITY TESTING OF IWESTMEAD: AN INTERNET TREATMENT FOR EARLY STUTTERING (UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-4885)

#### WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

This research is being conducted by the following researchers at the Australian Stuttering Research Centre: Dr Natasha Trajkovski, Associate Professor Robyn Lowe, Professor Mark Onslow, Professor Ross Menzies, Professor Ann Packman, and Associated Professor Susan O'Brian.

#### WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

This research is to get feedback about the look, feel and ease of use of the iWestmead program. The iWestmead program is an internet delivered treatment program for young children who stutter based on a face-to-face version currently used in community clinics. The program is designed to teach parents how to implement the basic concepts to use with their child. The iWestmead program is in the initial stage of development and will be modified based on parent and speech pathologist feedback obtained during this study.

#### FUNDING

Funding for this project has been received from the National Health and Medical Research Council.

#### WHY HAVE I BEEN ASKED?

You have been invited to participate in this study because:

1. You have a child younger than 6 years old, who stutters.
2. Your child has not had any treatment for stuttering.
3. You have no experience with providing stuttering treatment for children.
4. You have regular access to a computer with a stable internet connection.
5. You reside in Australia.

#### IF I SAY YES, WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

If you decide to participate:

- We will invite you to provide feedback about the iWestmead program. This will involve you looking at the pages of the program and telling me your thoughts about the content and look of the pages. It will also involve you listening to and providing feedback about audio recordings and videos that are part of the program.
- We ask that you do not try any of the procedures that you might learn, with your child. It is important that if your child needs treatment, you see a speech pathologist experienced in treating stuttering.
- We will arrange a time convenient to you to look at the program. This can be done by videoconferencing, or in person at the Australian Stuttering Research Centre, UTS.
- You will join a researcher in person or by videoconference who will facilitate the entire procedure of the study.
- Following your review of the program, we will ask you some questions about the program and request you to enter your responses into an online survey.
- The entire procedure will take between 2 and 3 hours. You will be able to take short breaks during this time.
- The entire session will be video and audio recorded so that we can analyse your responses afterwards.
- The feedback you provide will be used to make changes to the program to improve the user experience.
- You will be compensated for your time with a \$100 gift card.

#### ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

Yes, there are some risks/inconvenience.

- We anticipate it will take between 2 and 3 hours to review the program and to provide your feedback. You might experience some fatigue and therefore we will provide you with regular breaks during the meeting.
- You might feel discomfort about being video and audio recorded during the meeting. Please note that only the researchers directly involved in the study will have access to your data including the audio and video recordings. Your data will be stored on a secure UTS server and only the researchers involved in this study will have access to your data.

#### DO I HAVE TO SAY YES?

Participation in this study is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you decide to take part.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I SAY NO?

If you decide not to participate, it will not affect your relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney. If you wish to withdraw from the study once it has started, you can do so at any time without having to give a reason, by contacting Dr Natasha Trajkovski ([natasha.trajkovski@uts.edu.au](mailto:natasha.trajkovski@uts.edu.au)) or Associate professor Robyn Lowe ([robyn.lowe@uts.edu.au](mailto:robyn.lowe@uts.edu.au)).

If you withdraw from the study, your personal details, data and recordings will be destroyed.

If you decide to leave the research project, we will not collect additional personal information from you. You should be aware that data collected up to the time you withdraw may form part of the research project results. If you do not want this, you must tell the researchers before you join the research project.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

By signing the consent form you consent to the research team collecting and using personal information about you for the research project. All this information will be treated confidentially. These steps are taken to ensure your privacy and confidentiality:

- You will be assigned a unique identifier that will only be known to researchers in this study.
- All your information will be de-identified, where relevant, for data storage and analysis.
- All data, including those that cannot be de-identified (e.g., video recording) will be stored securely on a UTS server.
- Only researchers directly involved in this study will have access to your information.

Your information will only be disclosed with your permission, except as required by law.

We plan to publish the results of this study in scientific journals and present the findings at professional conferences. In any publication, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

#### WHAT IF I HAVE CONCERNS OR A COMPLAINT?

If you have concerns about the research that you think the investigators can help you with, please feel free to contact them on the details listed below.

Dr Natasha Trajkovski  
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Associate Professor Robyn Lowe  
[robyn.lowe@uts.edu.au](mailto:robyn.lowe@uts.edu.au)

Or call 9514 5314 to speak to one of the research team.

You will be given a copy of this form to keep.

**NOTE:**

This study has been approved in line with the University of Technology Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee [UTS HREC] guidelines. If you have any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the conduct of this research, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on ph.: +61 2 9514 2478 or email: [Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au](mailto:Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au)], and quote the UTS HREC reference number. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.

## CONSENT FORM

USABILITY TESTING OF IWESTMEAD: AN INTERNET TREATMENT FOR EARLY STUTTERING  
(UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-4885)

I \_\_\_\_\_ [participant's name] agree to participate in the research project *Usability testing of iWestmead: An internet treatment for early stuttering* (UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-4885) being conducted by Dr Natasha Trajkovski, Associate Professor Robyn Lowe, Professor Mark Onslow, Professor Ross Menzies, Professor Ann Packman, and Associate Professor Susan O'Brian at the Australian Stuttering Research Centre. I understand that funding for this research has been provided by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand.

I understand the purposes, procedures and risks of the research as described in the Participant Information Sheet.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received.

I freely agree to participate in this research project as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without affecting my relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney.

I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep.

I agree to be:

- Audio recorded  
 Video recorded

I agree that the research data gathered from this project may be published in a form that:

- Does not identify me in any way  
 May be used for future research purposes

I am aware that I can contact Dr Natasha Trajkovski or Associate Professor Robyn Lowe on the contact details listed below if I have any concerns about the research.

Dr Natasha Trajkovski  
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Associate Professor Robyn Lowe  
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