

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET
INVESTIGATING THE VARIABILITY OF STUTTERING
UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-5350**

WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

My name is Mark Onslow and I am an academic at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). I am conducting this research with Professor Ross Menzies, Professor Ann Packman, Associate Professor Susan O'Brian, and Associate Professor Robyn Lowe.

WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

It is known that for some people who stutter, when they are alone, they stutter less or not at all. This research is to find out about the variability of stuttering in different speaking situations such as during your everyday speaking situations and when talking alone.

FUNDING

Funding for this project has been received from a benefactor.

WHY HAVE I BEEN ASKED?

You have been invited to participate in this study because you are an adult who stutters.

Your contact details were obtained by:

- you contacting us to express your interest in participating in this study
- you consenting to be contacted to hear about research opportunities.

IF I SAY YES, WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

If you decide to participate, I will invite you to attend one session at the Australian Stuttering Research Centre, UTS, Broadway.

On arrival at the Centre, you will be requested to complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire. During your visit, we will oversee that COVID-19 safe practices according to the current NSW Health guidelines are adhered. This will involve the regular cleaning of work areas, maintaining physical distancing and regular hand sanitisation procedures.

During your visit you will meet with one of the researchers who will ask you some questions about the variability of your stuttering in different situations. After the interview with the researcher you will be requested to talk for around 5 minutes in a room where you will be alone. Following that you will meet again with the researcher and discuss your experience and answer some further questions about the procedure.

Your visit will take up to one hour of your time.

You will receive a \$50 gift voucher to compensate you for your time.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

You will need to travel to the Australian Stuttering Research Centre, UTS, to participate in this study.

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 Robyn Lowe: robyn.lowe@uts.edu.au or 9514 5314.

If you withdraw from the study, any data that has been collected, such as your answer to any questions will be destroyed at your request.

However, it may not be possible to withdraw your data from the study results if these have already been analysed and reported. If you decide to leave the research project, we will not collect additional personal information from you, although personal information already collected will be retained to ensure that the results of the research project can be measured properly and to comply with law. You should be aware that data collected up to the time you withdraw will form part of the research project results. If you do not want this to happen, 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. All information collected about you will be stored on a secure UTS server and labelled in a format that will not enable you to be identified. Only the researchers directly involved in the study will have access to any information about you.

We would like to store your information for future use in research projects that are an extension of this research project. In all instances your information will be treated confidentially.

We plan to publish the results in professional peer reviewed 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 I can help you with, please feel free to contact me: mark.onslow@uts.edu.au or 9514 5314. Alternatively, see details below for an independent contact.

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 REF NO. ETH20-5350] 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, and quote the UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-5350. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.

CONSENT FORM
INVESTIGATING THE VARIABILITY OF STUTTERING
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I _____ *[participant's name]* agree to participate in the research project, Investigating the variability of stuttering, UTS HREC REF NO. ETH20-5350, being conducted by Professor Mark Onslow, Professor Ross Menzies, Professor Ann Packman, Associate Professor Susan O'Brian, and Associate Professor Robyn Lowe, Australian Stuttering Research Centre, University of Technology Sydney, Level 13, Building One, 15 Broadway, Ultimo, NSW, Ph: 9514 5314. I understand that funding for this research has been provided by a benefactor.

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 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 Mark Onslow: mark.onslow@uts.edu.au / 9514 5314 if I have any concerns about the research.

Name and Signature [participant]

____/____/____
Date

Name and Signature [researcher or delegate]

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Date