



Some exciting announcements...

Although we are heading towards the end of the year, we have some exciting announcements to share!



The brain is one of the most complex organs. It controls all functions of the body, interprets information from the outside world, and embodies the essence of the mind and soul. Intelligence, creativity, emotion, and memory are a few of the many things governed by the brain. The brain controls our thoughts and speech, movement of our arms and legs, and the function of many organs within our body.

What happens if it fails? Stroke occurs when blood cannot get to your brain, due to a blocked or burst artery, and can have a devastating effect on your brain. Join us to find out more about the brain, and the effect stroke can have on it's function, in the first instalment of our webinar series. The webinar will include information about novel diagnoses and therapies from bench to bedside and back!

Hear from our line up of experts including how the community is shaping stroke research, on Wednesday 1st November, 5.30pm, via Zoom Webinars.

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We hope to share the findings of the CaRE evaluation very soon.

And the winner is...

Thank you to those of you who completed our annual satisfaction survey earlier this year!

We have now collated this data and together with responses from a researcher satisfaction survey and data collected throughout the year we have created a snapshot and summary of the challenges and successes of the CaRE.

There are so many great things we can celebrate about, and have learned from the survey responses, but here is one of many, really insightful comments we collected:

Quote from CCS researcher, 2023 CaRE satisfaction survey:

“Being part of the program has given me confidence to work with consumers and communicate better with members of the public/those affected by the conditions that I study. Their insights have also been really valuable for reminding my team why we do what we do, and that the patient is the ultimate end point.”

We offered everyone the chance to win a \$50 voucher for completing the survey. And the randomly drawn winner is:

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Congratulations LE! We will be in touch with you soon to get the prize to you.



Pictured: Dr Loretta Piccenna

[Read the paper](#)

How can we meet the needs of older adults with epilepsy?

Monash University researcher and Neuroscience Department Manager Dr. Loretta Piccenna published this article in [Epilepsia Journal](#), the official journal of the International League against Epilepsy.

The study conducted an evidence review and found that older adults are at risk of new-onset seizures due to age-related changes. The report recommends epilepsy’s “treatment paradigm” be broadened, and greater attention paid to older people who may experience significant impacts on their quality of life.

This might include loss of confidence, side-effects from treatment, losing a driving licence or independence, and in some cases possibly even needing to move into residential care for care and support.

Well done to Loretta and the team on publishing such a useful and informative research paper!

Refer a friend

We welcome participation by all community members impacted by the medical conditions we study.

Expressions of interest to join us, from community members are always accepted.

Additionally, we are **currently** seeking community representatives to join specific research projects including:

- **Post surgical pain**
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **Obesity**
- **Hospital Acquired Infection**
- **Streptococcus Infection**
- **Medication & Autism**

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Help Us

Our research goals are to work with the community to develop better ways to diagnose, treat, care for and ultimately cure serious health conditions.

Some of today's modern research discoveries were only made possible by the support and generosity of

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How will my donation be used?

You can choose how we use your valuable contribution, by either supporting a disease or condition themed area, individual research projects or individual researchers.

Donate to our CaRE Program!

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Noteworthy items from the sector...



INCREASING STAKEHOLDER INFLUENCE ON THE RESEARCH					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
RESEARCHERS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES WITH FEEDBACK AND RESEARCH INFORMATION TO ASSIST THEM IN UNDERSTANDING THE RESEARCH	Researchers provide opportunities with feedback on the research.	Researchers obtain stakeholder feedback on the research.	Researchers work actively with stakeholders to ensure that stakeholder concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered in the research.	Researchers partner with stakeholders for select aspects of the research.	Researchers meet stakeholders in conducting their own research.
WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations and provide feedback on how your input influenced the research.	We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the research and we will provide feedback on how your input influenced the research.	We will look to you for advice and input in designing and conducting research and incorporating your advice and recommendations to the maximum extent possible.	We will provide advice and assistance as requested in line with your decisions for designing and conducting your research, as well as for representing the findings.

Operationalizing a patient engagement plan for health research.

In this paper, the authors provide guidance on how to codesign and operationalize a concrete patient engagement plan for any health research project.

Read the paper



From Bedside to Bench and Back

This article discusses how research driven by patients (with rare diseases) is producing faster discoveries and treatments—and challenging long-held assumptions about knowledge production.

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