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Understanding and Improving the
Outcome of Encephalitis



Prospective suspected
encephalitis
recruitment: Adults
and Children

Welcome to the Autumn ENCEPH- UK/ UK-ChiMES Newsletter

It's almost been 12 months since we've started recruiting! We now have 45 hospitals in total recruiting both adults and children who have features consistent with suspected encephalitis (brain inflammation).

As you can see in the thermometer, we've recruited 324 towards our total of 960. Of these 123 are adults and 201 are children.*

Save the Date!

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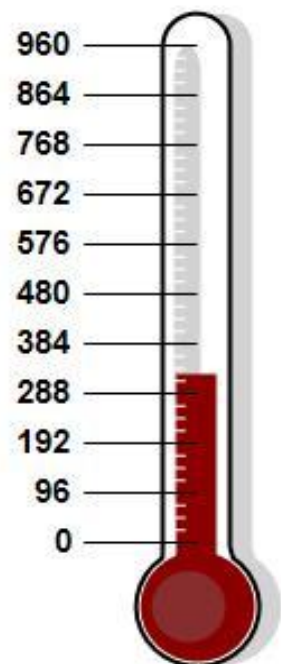


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Neuropsychology

What does it involve?

Neuropsychology involves assessing a range of functions such as memory, communication and problem-solving.

There are different methods available for identifying areas of neuropsychological problems.

A better understanding of the types of difficulties people are likely to present with after encephalitis is crucial in planning management of these problems and rehabilitation.

Neuropsychological research is key, because publishing data on the types of difficulty associated with specific diagnoses can inform practice and improve patient experience in turn.

Importantly, through exploring correlations between neuropsychological difficulties and impaired lesion site, the study of neuropsychological patients has also contributed significantly to our understanding of the brain.



The ENCEPH-UK neuropsychology sub-study

The ENCEPH-UK neuropsychology sub-study aims to understand the types of neuropsychological problems associated with different types of encephalitis.

Preliminary data has suggested that neuropsychological profiles after encephalitis affect a wide range of abilities (e.g. working memory, problem solving, general memory, and naming) and differ according to the cause of the inflammation.

Our aims

To better characterise neuropsychological problems after different types of encephalitis.

Our participants frequently report that very few people know about encephalitis and the neuropsychological problems experienced thereafter.

We hope that publishing data on the neuropsychological impact of encephalitis will improve understanding about these conditions, both for clinical staff and the general public.

Useful Websites

www.braininfectionsuk.org
www.encephuk.org
www.encephallitis.info
www.meningitis.org



Contact details

If you want to find out more about the studies and get involved, then please call us on 0151 7059649 or email at encephuk@liverpool.ac.uk

The screenshot shows the BBC One Breakfast website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'BBC', 'Sign in', and various program categories like News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and More... A search bar is also present. Below the navigation is the 'one Breakfast' header. A main content area features a large video player showing two women on a red sofa. To the right of the video player is a sidebar with 'More clips from 30/10/2013' and 'More clips from Breakfast'. The main article below the video player has the headline 'How a family album is helping a woman rebuild her life after 14 weeks in a coma' and a sub-headline 'DURATION: 06:36'. The article text describes how Liz Oldershaw is recovering from a coma caused by encephalitis and how a family album is helping her rebuild her life. The sidebar lists several video clips with their titles and durations, such as 'Kirstie's crafty Christmas' (07:11), 'Breakfast meets Team GB's Slopestyle hopeful' (04:58), 'John Newman on late nights, Northern soul and number ones' (06:13), 'Sven's story' (08:00), 'Strictly Susanna's best bits' (02:40), and 'Nile Rodgers on music, Madonna and Glastonbury' (10:07).

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