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Research Programs for Aphasia



The Language Imaging Laboratory is currently conducting studies to help us understand how language is affected after having a stroke. Our study activities are completed at the Medical College of Wisconsin & Froedtert campus. Participants are compensated for their time. Research programs are separate from IPAT and optional opportunities.

We have studies for healthy controls and survivors of left hemisphere stroke, who may or may not have had difficulties with aphasia, a language disorder that can occur as a result of a stroke. Participants must be able to undergo MRI.

If you are interested in referring a patient for one of our studies, please contact our Research Program Coordinator at **414-955-7579** or **lilresearch@mcw.edu**.



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Intensive Program for Aphasia Therapy



The Intensive Program for Aphasia Therapy (IPAT) is a comprehensive language therapy program led by a multidisciplinary team with expertise in speech therapy, neurology, neuropsychology & biomedical engineering. Our mission is to offer cutting-edge, evidence-based treatments for aphasia in a daily, intensive format that is generally not available elsewhere. The program is tailored to individual needs and goals while emphasizing a sense of community and well-being through functional communication. This program is sponsored by the We Energies Foundation.



- **What does the intensive program include?** IPAT is an intensive speech and language therapy program, running Monday through Friday, for 4 hours each day. Participants receive a total of 40 hours of individual & group therapy per 2-week cycle, as well as comprehensive assessments, individualized treatment planning, & opportunities to participate in research.
- **Why intensive therapy?** Studies have shown that an intensive approach to aphasia treatment, in which many hours of therapy are provided over a short time, improves communication for people with aphasia compared to standard speech therapy.

- **What is the therapy like?** Empirically supported therapies are designed to focus on relearning specific language processes. Each therapy program is individually tailored based on a comprehensive assessment of language abilities, individual participant needs, and specific goals. Group therapy provides the opportunity to learn from other people with aphasia and address psychosocial aspects of living with aphasia.
- **Who is eligible?** People with chronic aphasia who are medically stable and can maintain daily participation in the intensive model. All prospective participants will be screened to ensure potential benefit from the program.
- **When is the next cycle starting?** The program has quarterly cycles throughout the year. Please contact us to learn about upcoming cycles.
- **Where does the program take place?** On the Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin campus in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- **Are there accommodations for people who do not live locally?** Yes, Kathy's House, a guest house that offers reasonable housing to people while seeking medical care, is located on our campus. There are also hotels nearby.

- **What is the cost of the program?** IPAT does not bill insurance and program costs are out-of-pocket. Please contact the IPAT program for more information.

Where can I get more information and ask questions?

- Please email IPAT@mcw.edu or call the program coordinator at (414)-955-0730.

How can my patient apply?

- Please go to www.mcw.edu/IPAT. Click on "how do I apply?" where you can then complete the registration questionnaire.
- There is no commitment when completing the registration questionnaire. Staff will follow up with you after completion to answer any questions you may have and determine what additional information may be needed.

Meet Our Team

