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BIONIC

Brain Injury Outcomes New Zealand In the Community

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Study update

In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to the BIONIC sub-studies. These three studies began earlier this year and are primarily recruiting from the BIONIC study cohort. These studies all complement BIONIC and will all add to the knowledge of the effects of traumatic brain injury on people in the community.

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We are continuing to cross check our referrals with a range of sources in the community. This has included checking information provided by ACC and visiting all schools in the region to check accident and medical records.



The COBIC study is investigating the long-term impacts of head injuries on children's functioning at school and home. This study is following up BIONIC participants aged 5-15yo at the time of their injury. Assessments will be conducted 12 and 24 months after the initial TBI.

This research is being led by Dr Nicola Starkey (University of Waikato).

Genetics Study

The Genetics sub-study involves collecting saliva samples from all BIONIC participants aged 8 and over. The aim is to determine if a person's genes make any difference as to how well and quickly they recover following a TBI.

This research is being led by Professor Rob Kydd (Auckland University).

TBI Experience

The TBI experience is a qualitative study aiming to gain a better understanding of what it is like to experience a TBI. Participants are recruited from the BIONIC cohort and from the greater Waikato area and includes people who are experiencing some impairments 6 month after their TBI.

This research is being led by Professor Kathryn McPherson (AUT).

New Clinical Researchers

We'd like to welcome Eva Spijker (pictured left) and Bonnie Reece (pictured right) to the large BIONIC Clinical Researcher team. Eva has joined our other clinical researchers in conducting interviews and Bonnie is collecting samples for the BIONIC Genetics sub-study.



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In the community

The BIONIC study had a chance to be involved in raising awareness in the community about head injuries. During Head Injury Awareness Week (June) members of the team joined other groups, such as St John ambulance, the Police, and Plunket, in promoting awareness about the effects and prevention of head injuries.



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