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BIONiC

Brain Injury Outcomes New Zealand In the Community

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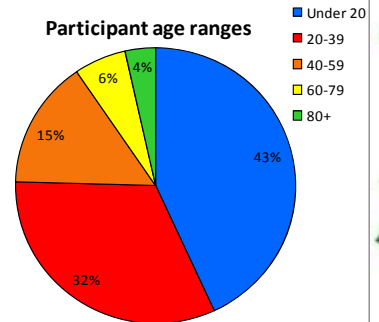


Recruitment update

We are now three quarters of the way into the BIONIC study and it's been a very busy year so far. We have now registered **1003** cases of TBI in the Hamilton and Waikato area presenting with mild-severe TBI.

Within this sample, 31% of participants are children aged between 0-16 years. We are very grateful to still be receiving referrals from different sources. The majority of TBIs are referred through the hospital (72%), with a fantastic number coming from GP's and Accident and Medical Centers (24%), with the remaining 4% divided between physio's and other sources.

Figures to date suggest that the number of TBIs is highest for those under 20 years of age.



Congratulations to Alice Theadom

Alice is a vital member of the BIONIC team and we would like to congratulate her on recently submitting and successfully defending her PhD. Well done Alice!



Raising the awareness of BIONIC

Throughout the year, the BIONIC study has received media attention from various newspapers and television shows. In the middle of the year, Prof Valery Feigin appeared on Freeview's breakfast show and Dr Nicola Starkey also appeared on the Marae Television show.

In October, the Waikato Times printed a large article about head injuries relating to rugby, featuring former Chiefs player Greg Smith. Dr Starkey was also featured in this article along with an interview about the experiences of one of our BIONIC participants.

As well as media attention, BIONIC staff have also presented at National and International conferences. Dr Starkey presented a paper at the New Zealand Psychological Society's annual conference in Rotorua and, along with Dr Suzanne Barker-Collo, presented a poster at the Australasian Winter Conference on Brain Research in Wanaka.

A message from the principal investigator

I would like to personally thank everyone who has been involved in and supported the BIONIC study throughout the year. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.



Professor Valery Feigin

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Finally, we would like to wish you all well over the holiday season and look forward to working with you in the new year.

**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year**

Since the 6 month assessments began in September, we are delighted to have taken on eight new Clinical Researchers.

We would like to welcome (from top left) Aimee Harris, Rachel McNulty, Moray Carr, Richard Hall, Jennifer Chua, Karenza Paine, Rosanne Taylor and Toyer Farrath. They come from backgrounds ranging from psychology, nursing, and health to speech and language, disability and counselling. We are lucky to have such a wide range of expertise and knowledge on the team and wish them all well.

Tena koutou Katoa,

Nine months into the BIONiC Study and we have had a fantastic response from GP's, schools, marae, kaumatua and kuia, tamariki, and mokopuna. I would personally like to thank everyone who has spread the word around the community about the study, nga mihinui. Meri Kirihimete me nga mihi o te tau hou.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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