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BiONiC Study Update

Through our cross checking we are still identifying people who experienced a TBI between March 1st 2010 and February 28 2011. We are interviewing these newly recruited participants as well as those who were already participating in BIONiC and experienced a TBI close to 12 months ago.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Amy Jones who has been promoted to another AUT project looking at Stroke incidence and rehabilitation. Karenza Paine, one of our clinical researchers, has been appointed as our second Study Manager in her place. We have appointed one new clinical researcher (see below) and two very experienced researchers have rejoined our team to help complete this substantial, and eagerly awaited, research.

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ACC cross checks are progressing well with more lists due to come from ACC in the next couple of weeks. We have now contacted all **Schools** in the study region and have made contact with some **Rest Homes** to check for incidence data.

Many thanks to GPs and their staff who are still supplying medical information for our incidence reports.

New Clinical Researcher

We extend a warm welcome to Loretta Westbrook who will be primarily hospital-based as we ensure case completeness.



The COBIC study has been busy doing assessments with children and their parents as well as teachers. They have had great success recruiting participants for the control group of children who will match the COBIC children that were part of BIONiC.

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

The Genetics sub-study is progressing very well with a high consent rate. To date, 120 saliva samples have been collected from BIONiC participants. These have been sent to Auckland for analysis. The high response rate to date indicates that this study could be the largest of its kind.

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

To date, 22 people (and 11 of their significant others) from BIONiC study have consented to be interviewed about their experience of recovery and adaptation following TBI. Participants are being asked to talk about their experiences at 6, 12 and 24 months post injury in order to explore the different impacts of TBI on people's lives, the outcomes that matter most and the strategies that support the individual and their family/whanau to manage following disabling TBI. Recruitment has extended to the Auckland region. **This research is being led by Professor Kathryn McPherson (AUT University)**

The Final Few Months of Participant Follow up...

During the next few months we will be completing assessments at the 12 month timepoint. Also much time will be spent double checking study records, ensuring all paperwork is completed and entered into the study database. In-house checks will also continue to ensure study data is of high quality.

We are all looking forward to letting you know about preliminary study findings, and final study outcomes concerning TBI incidence and recovery.

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