



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District



## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

# STROKE RESEARCH REGISTER HUNTER

You are invited to join the [Stroke Research Register - Hunter](#)

- a list of people with stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA)
- who are willing to take part in research studies



### Where is the register?

At [Hunter Medical Research Institute](#)

- You may be invited to **participate in different research studies**
- **Located across the Hunter region**
  - Hunter Medical Research Institute
  - or
  - Newcastle University
  - or
  - Hospitals or community health centres (HNEHealth)
  - or
  - In the community or at home

### What choices do you have?

1. Joining is **voluntary**
2. **You choose which studies** you want to take part in
3. **Your choice will not affect your medical treatment** or your relationship with the staff who are caring for you.
4. **You can withdraw** at any time & you won't have to give a reason.



**There are no known risks of being on the Stroke Register.**

**Benefits**

- Hear about stroke research studies

**No Costs**

- Will not cost you anything.
- You will not be paid.



**Project Leaders**

These researchers oversee the Stroke Register



[A/Prof Coralie English](#)  
**Physiotherapist researcher**  
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**Neuroscientist**  
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[Meredith Burke](#)  
**Stroke Survivor consumer rep**



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[Gillian Mason](#)  
**Register Manager / Physiotherapist**  
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**A/Prof Michael Pollack**  
**Rehabilitation doctor**  
Hunter New England Health

## Do you want to join the Stroke Register?

1. **Sign consent form**

2. **Fill in registration form**

-  <https://hmri.org.au/stroke-register>


or

-  **4042 0093**

or

-  **paper**

### The information we need is:

- ✓ Your contact details 
- ✓ If you have a carer, their contact details too
- ✓ Information about the type of stroke (bleed or blockage) or TIA you had (if you know)
- ✓ If you are taking part in other research studies

3. **Wait – nothing else you need to do**

4. **The Stroke Register team will contact you later, by email or post, to invite you to stroke research studies** that you might be interested in.

5. **You choose which studies** you want to take part in

## Privacy

- Your details will stay **private & confidential**
- Stored securely at Hunter Medical Research Institute
- We invite you to different stroke research studies over time



### Your details

- **We ask your permission** for each research study, before sharing your details with the study's researchers.
- **You can withdraw** from the register at any time. All your information will be removed and destroyed.

### To remove your details,

- ☎ Call (02) 4042 0093 or
- 💻 email [strokeregister@hmri.org.au](mailto:strokeregister@hmri.org.au)



**For independent stroke support services please contact the Stroke Foundation's National helpline StrokeLine 1800 787 653.**

### Complaints about this research

If you have

- **concerns** about your rights as a participant, or
- **a complaint** about the manner in which the research is conducted,

1. Contact Stroke Register staff directly on

- ☎ Call (02) 4042 0093 or
- 💻 email [strokeregister@hmri.org.au](mailto:strokeregister@hmri.org.au)

2. Or, if an independent person is preferred, contact Dr Nicole Gerrand  
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This research has been approved by the Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee of Hunter New England Local Health District, Reference 16/09/21/5.06

The conduct of this study at the John Hunter Hospital has been authorised by Hunter New England Local Health District. Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study may also contact Dr Nicole Gerrand, Manager Research Ethics & Governance Unit on 4921 4950 and quote reference number **LNRSSA/16/HNE/376**.