Join Our Studies

If you or somebody you know has had a stroke or brain injury, we invite you to contact us to learn more about our ongoing research.

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To participate today, contact us!

Your participation is confidential.

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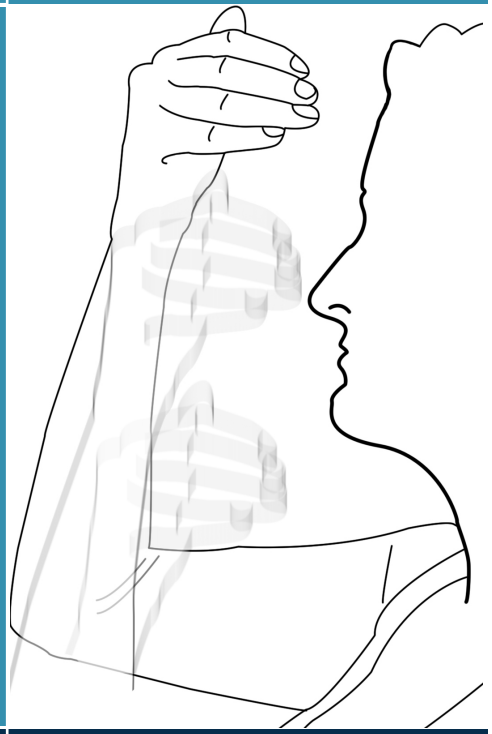

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Make a Difference…

If you or somebody you know is a Deaf ASL signer who has had a stroke or other brain injury.

OR

If you are a Deaf, Senior ASL signer, please

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If selected to participate, you will be compensated; the first meeting can take up to an hour with the possibility for further contact.

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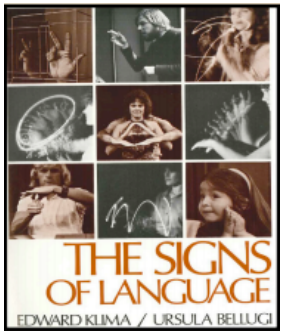
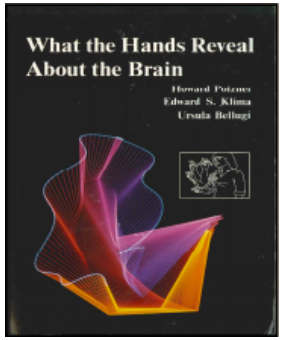
Our Commitment to the Deaf Community

ASL Research Team:

The Sign Language and Stroke Research Team is collaboration between the Deaf community, researchers and Staff Scientist Consultants funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH). Our research has uncovered that after a stroke or other head injury Deaf signers may experience language and cognition problems that may have typically been misdiagnosed. Understanding the relationship between the brain and language is vital for the development of effective rehabilitation treatments for Deaf, American Sign Language (ASL) users.

When a hearing person has a stroke and develops language difficulties, speech therapy is a tool to help improve or recover their language. Speech therapy does not help Deaf signers who have had a stroke. No other therapy is available to improve their language. Our hope is to change that, but we need your help to understand how brain injuries affect Deaf signers. With your participation, we can achieve this goal together.





Others can use our research to help:

- Develop proper treatments to enhance the quality of life for Deaf people
- Help doctors become aware of the relationship between brain injury and language for signers
- Neurosurgeons plan brain surgery that protects language function in signers
- Develop treatments for regaining ASL and communication skills after a stroke
- Family and friends become more aware of the symptoms and use this knowledge to enhance communication with Deaf people after a stroke or