

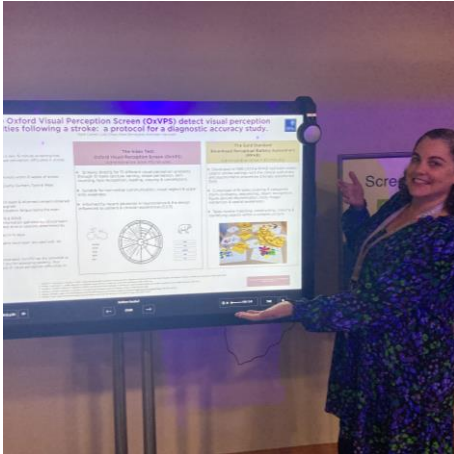
Visual Neuropsychology Research Group Newsletter - January 2024

Welcome!

Happy New Year to you all. The start of 2024 gives us the opportunity to look back at 2023 with you. Our highlight was the UK Stroke Forum where we met up with the team from Oxford and launched our tool for use in the NHS.

We would like to thank you all for your support in 2023 and we are wishing you best wishes for 2024.

Kathleen



UK Stroke Forum

We launched our Oxford Visual Perception Screen for use in the NHS at the UK Stroke Forum in Birmingham. Kate presented a poster on the validation study and Kathleen gave a talk in the session on assessment and rehabilitation of visual perception difficulties and neglect after stroke. Our stall in the exhibitor area got a lot of interest. Our research assistants Faye, Akshita, and Flora handed out over 400 cards to interested clinicians. It was wonderful to hear how enthusiastic the clinicians were to try out OxVPS in their workplace.

OxVPS now freely available for NHS use

It you would like your own copy of the Oxford Visual Perception Screen or OxVPS you can register here:

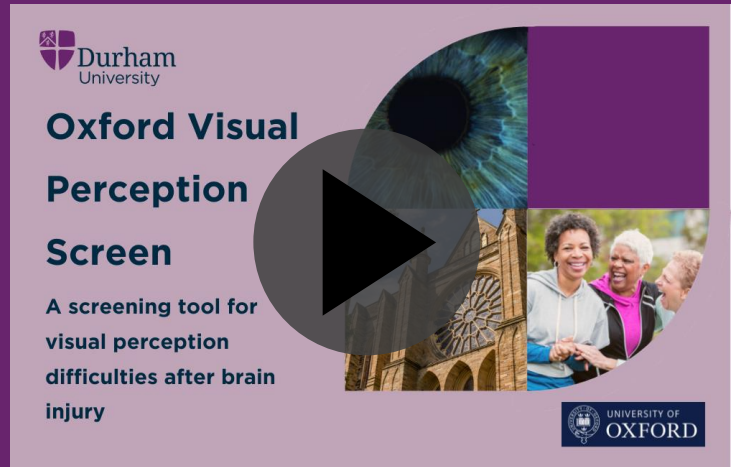
<https://oxvps.webspace.durham.ac.uk/registration/>

Compared to existing tools OxVPS is

- Quick
- Easy to use
- Accessible for stroke survivors
- Has an informative manual

Check out our video on the right or on

<https://oxvps.webspace.durham.ac.uk/>



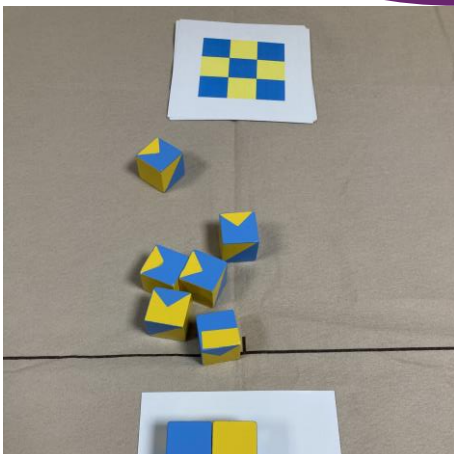
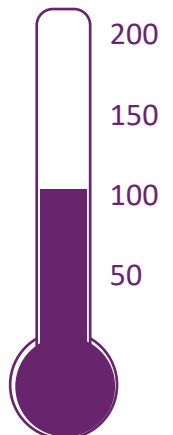
Our research studies

We have been making good progress on our two active research studies.

For our normative study we visited several community groups and many older people volunteered to complete OxVPS. This helped us to learn what a normal score is on OxVPS and set a baseline. Nearly 100 people have now taken part and this study is coming to an end.

The validation study for stroke survivors will run until September 2024, but we are already halfway of reaching our target number of 200 stroke survivors.

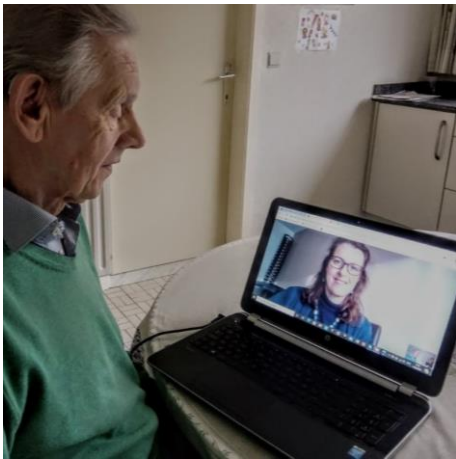
In this study, we research if OxVPS is as good at picking up visual perception difficulties after stroke as a gold standard test. Our gold standard test is the Rivermead Visual Perception Battery. It is a very accurate test, but it takes over an hour to complete, while OxVPS only takes 15 minutes.



Research opportunities

There are a few studies for stroke survivors that you might be interested in. All studies can be completed online, so you can join from the comfort of your home. The studies are not organised by us, but by colleagues across the UK, so please contact them for more information.

- Study about difficulties using your hand after a stroke. You would do simple tasks like imitating hand and finger movements in the air or reaching and grasping handheld objects. Contact Elisabeth Rounis for more details: e.rounis@imperial.ac.uk
- A study to help improve low mood after stroke. You will get exercises and online support. More info <https://t.co/CHHUTskjz6> or contact Andrea Kusec: andrea.kusec@ndcn.ox.ac.uk



- Sharing your experiences and ideas on how working relationships between stroke survivors and healthcare professionals affect stroke recovery. Contact Lauren for more info: lauren.lucas-3@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk or read <http://tinyurl.com/y9ucm4w5>
- Advice researchers in online workshops about how stroke survivors can be supported to return to work. Check <http://tinyurl.com/akmb39yn> or contact Kristelle for more info: Kristelle.craven1@nottingham.ac.uk

Meet the team

This time, we would like to introduce Faye Tabone. Faye is a psychologist from Malta who joined the team in Oxford in September. She studied Neuroscience and Neuropsychology in Sussex, Maastricht, and London. She has a passion for the technical and clinical aspects of assessment. She is now the key researcher in Oxford on the validation study. You will see her in the community hospital in Abingdon.



Questions? Reactions?

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