

OPSYRIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

- 10th September 2026 (7.30PM), 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER, [Norwich Assembly House](#)
- 11th September 2026 (8.30AM), LIVE HYBRID CONFERENCE, [The Enterprise Centre \(University of East Anglia, UK\)](#) & Zoom (link to be emailed)
- All presenters and attendees must register [here](#)

PROGRAMME (Titles and timings subject to change)

08.30 - 09.20	Registration, Posters & Refreshments
09.20 - 09.30	Welcome from OPSYRIS Chair (Dr. Stéphanie Rossit, University of East Anglia, UK)
	<i>Invited Symposium</i>
	<i>Cognition and Emotion after Acquired Brain Injury: Clinical and Technological Advances</i>
09.30 – 09.50	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Prof. Céline Gillebert (KU Leuven, Belgium) <i>HEMIRehApp: An immersive VR serious game for the assessment and rehabilitation of spatial neglect</i>
09.50 – 10.05	Dr. Nicola Hancock (University of East Anglia, UK) <i>From Concept to Clinic: Guiding Principles for Technological Innovation in Neurorehabilitation</i>
10.05 – 10.20	Prof. Niall Broomfield (University of East Anglia, UK) <i>Tears without sadness: exploring the clinical psychology of post-stroke emotionalism</i>
10.20 – 10.30	Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Posters and refreshments
	<i>Open Symposium 1: Assessments for Cognition and Emotion</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Elise Palmans (KU Leuven, Belgium) <i>Heterogeneity in post-stroke executive dysfunction: differential impairments in updating, shifting and inhibition</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Prof. Randi Starrfelt (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) <i>Cancellation task performance in chronic posterior stroke – the challenge of interpretation</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Dr. Joshua Blake (University of East Anglia, UK) <i>Anxiety Intensity Scale Circles (AISCs) and the Yale-anxiety: exploring the validity of two anxiety screens and Natural Language Processing in stroke</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Kellsey McCann (University of East Anglia, UK) <i>A Professional Consensus on Suicidality Assessment in Aphasia: A Delphi Study (SAADS)</i>
12.00 – 12.15	Jacob Stoumann Fosgrau (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) <i>Stroke survivors' experiences of cognitive assessment and related clinical interactions: a qualitative systematic review</i>
12.15 – 13.15	Posters & Lunch
13.15 – 13.30	OPSYRIS AGM

Workshops: Research funding opportunities

13.30 – 13.45 **Dr. Rebecca Fisher (The Stroke Association)**

The Stroke Association's new research strategy

13.45 – 14.00 **Prof Andrew Bateman (University of Essex, UK)**

How NIHR can help OPSYRIS members achieve their research objectives

Open Symposium 2: Cognitive and Mood interventions

14.00 – 14.15 **Dr. Emma Patchwood (University of Manchester, UK)**

Wellbeing After Stroke-2 (WATER S-2): a feasibility study with process evaluation exploring inclusive, accessible, online psychological support after stroke

14.15 – 14.30 **Dr. Yidian Gao (University of East Anglia, UK)**

Spatial Inattention Grasping Therapy (SIGHT) for rehabilitation of spatial neglect post-stroke: a randomised-controlled multicentre efficacy trial with embedded mechanistic study of determinants of therapy response

14.30 – 14.45 **Dr. Jessica Tamiazzo (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)**

An Enriched Environment Incorporating Leisure and Music Activities in Inpatient Stroke Rehabilitation: A Randomized Controlled Trial Assessing Cognitive, Emotional, and Motor Outcomes and Intervention Moderators

14.45 – 15.00 **Dr. Laura Manno (University of East Anglia, UK)**

Assessing the Clinical Feasibility of the AI-guided EyeFocus App for Attention Rehabilitation in ABI – trial update

15.00 – 15.30 **Posters & Refreshments**

Open Symposium 3: Stroke survivor perspectives & service development

15.30 – 15.45 **RISING STAR AWARD: Dr. Madeleine Harrison (University of Sheffield, UK)**

Communication Training for UK Stroke Staff: A National Survey Exploring Current Provision, Training Needs and Implementation Factors

15.45 – 16.00 **Dr Samantha Barton (University of Nottingham, UK)**

Using Nominal Group Technique to establish the priorities for developing a mood care pathway for people with a Transient Ischaemic Attack

16.00 – 16.15 **Dr Anima Rana (University of India, India)**

A study of behaviour attitude and perception of caregiver towards stroke survivor

16.15 – 16.30 **Dr. Chloe Webb (University of Nottingham, UK)**

Exploring factors relating to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Symptoms and Mood Problems in People following a Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA)

16.30 – 16.45 **Alice Gordon (Ulster University, Ireland)**

International cross-sectional survey exploring psychological impact of young stroke

16.45 – 17.00 **BEST POSTER AWARD announcement & closing remarks from OPSYRIS Chair**

Poster Presentations (in-person)

Poster number	First Author and Affiliations	Title
1	Dr Holly Cameron & Dr Jennifer O'Connor Royal Free NHS Trust	Developing a Bedside Teaching Model (POWER) for Neuropsychological Formulation in Acute Stroke Settings
2	Rachel Bond and Mary Pointer East of England Community Health and Care NHS Trust	Making Accessible Psychological Support (MAPS): A service development project, collaborating with people with aphasia (a communication difficulty) to create a series of resources to support changes in mood post-stroke.
3	Marta Vaquinhas, CHD Living	Patient Participation in Psychological Sessions Using a Standardised Engagement Scale.
4	Jorge Alejandro Rodriguez Rodriguez, University of East Anglia	Aging effects and normative data of an automated tablet-based assessment for visual neglect in the EyeFocus app
5	Helena Reason, NHS Surrey & Borders Partnership	Improving post-stroke self-management through an individualised pre-discharge psychoeducation intervention: a mixed-methods acceptability study.
6	Emma Harris, University of East Anglia	A systematic review investigating the relationship between pre-stroke and immediate cardiovascular risk factors and post stroke cognitive impairment.
7	Nandita Mathur, University of Manchester	What Works on the Ward: A Rapid Literature Review of Inpatient Stroke Psychotherapy Groups
8	Megan Hampton, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	The Impact of Involving Experts by Experience in the Development and Delivery of a Psychological Therapy Group for Stroke Survivors: A Quality Improvement Project
9	Ibe Couwels, KU Leuven	The cognitive and brain reserve hypothesis in post-stroke cognition: Protocol for a prospective longitudinal study
10	Jack Middleton, University College London	Resilience, Recovery, and Deterioration: Heterogeneous Mental Health Trajectories Before and After Stroke
11	Miss Alexandra Knox, University of East Anglia	Predicting Spatial Neglect from Modifiable Cardiovascular Risk Factors: Secondary Analysis of the SIGHT Trial
12	Leon Tye, University of East Anglia	A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of Clinician and Patient Perspectives on the EyeFocus AI-Guided Digital Therapy for Spatial Neglect
13	Helena Reason, NHS Surrey & Borders Partnership	Multidisciplinary staff perspectives on delivering a 'Level 1' psychoeducation intervention in a stroke rehabilitation setting: a qualitative study using the Theoretical Framework of Acceptability.
14	Anna Fišerová, University of Strathclyde	Goal setting in stroke rehabilitation: A systematic review and qualitative synthesis of the experiences and perspectives of healthcare professionals
15	Emma Goris - KU Leuven	Handedness and lesion side as predictors of Post-Stroke Cognitive Impairment
16	Lottie Barton - Durham University	Predictive Validity of the Oxford Visual Perception Screen in Stroke Survivors
17	Amber Gordts, KU Leuven/University of Oxford	Validating and Evaluating the Disconnectome Symptom Discoverer
18	Tom Hunter, University of East Anglia	Look Left and Right: Psychometric Evaluation of a Novel Assessment for Post-Stroke Spatial Neglect using data from the SIGHT Trial
19	Jessica Silver, Cardiff University	Including Experts by Experience as Co-facilitators of a Psychological Wellbeing After Stroke Group: Reflections and Impact

Poster Presentations (online – see website)

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20	Dr Anima Rana, University of India	Significance of Music Therapy in stroke rehabilitation
21	Sonal Chitnis, Bharati Vidyapeeth (DU) School of Audiology Speech Language Pathology, Pune, India	Does Cognitive Reserve play a role in Non fluent Stroke Aphasia recovery? A preliminary study roadmap
22	Dr Toby Cushing, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust	Psychological Approaches After Stroke Training (PAAST)
23	Thanyaporn Limkriangkrai, Bumrungrad International Hospital	From Responsiveness to Relational Connection: Music Therapy Songwriting in Acute Traumatic Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
24	Jiae Kim, Korea Guro Hospital, Republic of Korea	Kinematic Analysis of the Ipsilesional Upper Extremity Movements in Hemiplegic Post-Stroke Patients
25	HyeKyung Kim, University Yangsan Hospital, Republic of Korea	From Caregiver Reflection to Patient Self-Insight: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Developing a Patient Self-Report Functional Communication Tool for Adults with Acquired Communication Disorders following Acquired Brain Injury (Work in Progress)
26	Jessica Webb, University of Lincoln	Factors Influencing the Implementation of a Stepped Approach to Psychological Care in Stroke

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