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Warm regards, The OPSYRIS Committee, <https://opsyris.org/>

1. 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEETING of OPSYRIS
Theme- Cognition and emotion after ABI: clinical and technological advances

Join us on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH 2026** at the **University of East Anglia, Norwich**, for the 20-year Anniversary meeting of OPSYRIS! This is an in-person hybrid meeting.

<https://opsyris.org/meetings/> - for more info

JOIN THE OPSYRIS 20th YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER:

On **Thursday, September 10th** we will have our Conference dinner! Join us for dinner with the OPSYRIS keynote speakers and fellow colleagues in stroke psychology. Tickets are £45 (inclusive of booking fees). Location is [The Assembly House](#).



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World Federation for Neurorehabilitation

11th September 2026

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UEA University of East Anglia

2. UPCOMING OPSYRIS MID-YEAR WEBINAR: Speaker confirmed

Evidence-Based Mental Practice in Stroke Rehabilitation - a clinician's guide to implementation

Thank you to all who suggested topics and speakers in our January newsletter.

As a result, we reached out to Dr Daniel Eaves from Newcastle University who is now confirmed to present at the Webinar in July. Date and time to be confirmed before April 2026.



Dr Daniel Eaves is a **Senior Lecturer** in Sport & Exercise at Newcastle University whose research bridges **cognitive neuroscience** and motor rehabilitation, with a particular emphasis on how mental practice and action observation can enhance movement recovery after stroke. He has an established publication record in motor imagery and combined action observation and motor imagery therapies, including work specifically targeting upper-limb recovery in chronic stroke survivors. His insights especially relevant for translating neuroscientific principles into practical rehabilitation strategies.

Webinar attendance is free, and open to all, with a suggested donation to OPSYRIS of £3.

3. WFNR CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The congress will be held in **Daegu, South Korea, from 14-17 October 2026**.



The WFNR welcomes researchers, clinicians, innovators, and students to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. **Submission Deadline: 1 April 2026**

[SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT HERE](#)

4. STROKE 360 – NORTH MIDLANDS INTEGRATED STROKE DELIVERY NETWORK CONFERENCE

Date: 18–19 March 2026: Join stroke care professionals at Port Vale Football Club, Burslem, for this two-day multidisciplinary event focused on best practice, service improvement and collaborative care across the stroke pathway.

The programme includes sessions on rehabilitation, prevention, acute care and community support, with excellent networking opportunities for clinicians and researchers. Registration details are available via [Eventbrite](#).



5. Join OPSYRIS

The Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke (OPSYRIS) is a Special Interest Group of the World Federation for Neurorehabilitation (<https://www.wfnr.co.uk/>). Our aims are to facilitate and disseminate research on psychological aspects of stroke, inform evidence-based clinical practice in stroke psychology services, and promote consideration of psychological factors in stroke research and clinical settings. **Join OPSYRIS by completing a short membership form here:** <https://opsyris.org/about-us/membership/> **NHS SITE RECRUITMENT-** Is your Trust interested in new stroke research?



6. NHS SITE RECRUITMENT- Is your Trust interested in new stroke research?

Call for NHS Sites: Join the MCS-Stroke Study (NIHR Portfolio)

We are inviting additional NHS Trusts to join the NIHR portfolio study MCS-Stroke (Ethics Ref: 25/SC/0062), a **University of Oxford**–sponsored, **Stroke Association**–funded project validating a novel Multistage Cognitive Screening app for stroke and acquired brain injury (ABI). Led by Prof Nele Demeyere and Dr Sam Webb at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, this study aims to recruit **400 participants** across the **stroke and ABI** pathway to establish the app's validity, feasibility, and cost-effectiveness in real-world NHS settings.



We are seeking sites with access to patients with acquired brain injury (ideally stroke) across acute, rehabilitation, or community settings. Local clinicians (e.g., OTs, SLTs, rehabilitation staff, nurses) would screen for eligibility, obtain consent (including consultee consent where appropriate), administer the **~30-minute tablet-based MCS-Stroke assessment**, collect brief feedback, and securely transfer anonymised data to Oxford. The study **runs until June 2027** and is designed to integrate pragmatically with routine clinical workflows, with monthly demographic data submission and central support from the Oxford research team. Participating sites will receive **NIHR service support costs** in line with portfolio adoption.

If your Trust is interested in contributing to the validation of an innovative, stroke-specific cognitive screening tool designed for use by non-specialists across the care pathway, we would be delighted to hear from you.

For details of the grant: <https://www.stroke.org.uk/research/mcs-stroke-cognitive-screening-tool>

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