

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR RESEARCH ABOUT HOW HEAD AND NECK CANCER IMPACTS COMMUNICATION

We are currently working on a project funded by the National Institutes of Health (National Cancer Institute) to develop a self-report measure of communicative participation for individuals treated for head and neck cancer. We are also interested in how communication changes over time. Team members on this project include researchers from the Departments of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, and Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington.

We are continuing to test the validity of this instrument, and we need a large sample of individuals treated for head and neck cancer to fill out this questionnaire for psychometric testing. We are looking for clinicians around the country that are willing to help us recruit participants from among your patients and/or local support groups.

If you are interested in helping, we will send you flyers that describe the study for distribution to potential participants. They must be at least 2 years post-treatment for head and neck cancer (e.g., tongue, throat (pharynx), voicebox (larynx), palate or anywhere in the mouth/oral cavity, etc.) to be eligible. The flyers contain the information your patients need to contact us directly, and we will guide them through the study. You would do NO data collection or analysis; you do not need to report any information back to us. We simply need help getting information about the study to your patients so that they can make a decision on their own whether to participate.

We are sorry we are not able to offer you financial incentive for your help, but we will certainly acknowledge your assistance in publications and presentations. If you are interested, we will also update you on the progress of our research, particularly when results from the questionnaires become available. Additional information about the study is available on our website: <http://depts.washington.edu/sphsc/labsites/teadie/research.htm>. You can also find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uwvocalfxlab/>.

If you are interested, you can respond via email to vocalfx@uw.edu or by phone at 206-616-0312. Note if you choose email, please be advised we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of information sent to you in this manner.

Thank you all so much for your help!

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