

# Eligibility

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## Pharyngeal Electrical stimulation for Acute Stroke dysphagia Trial (PhEAST)

### Eligibility form v1.4

► Please check consent form obtained.

### Section A: Participant identifiers

A1. Centre name:

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(Centre)

A2. Participant ID :

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(Participant ID - REDCap auto generated)

A3. Participant initials (e.g. ABC or A-C)

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(3 uppercase letters, or 2 separated by a hyphen (-))

### Section B: Inclusion/exclusion criteria Inclusion criteria (B1-B3 must be YES).

B. Start time

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B1. Adults (18 years and over)?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be Yes to be eligible)

B2. Recent IS or ICH stroke between 2 and 31 days  
previously?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(IS) Ischaemic or (ICH) haemorrhagic anterior or  
posterior circulation stroke (as diagnosed  
clinico-radiologically) at a stroke centre.

(Must be Yes to be eligible)

B3. Clinical dysphagia defined as a functional oral intake scale (FOIS) score of 1 or 2 or 3?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

FOIS 1: Nothing by mouth, feeding by NGT/PEG/RIG  
FOIS 2: Tube dependent with minimal attempts of food or liquids  
FOIS 3: Tube dependent with consistent oral intake of food or liquid

(Must be Yes to be eligible)

### Exclusion criteria (B4-B19 must be NO).

B4. Non-stroke dysphagia?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

e.g. due to traumatic brain haemorrhage, subarachnoid haemorrhage, brain tumour, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, severe dementia, head or neck cancer

(Must be No to be eligible)

B5. Pre-stroke dysphagia?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

B6. Pre-stroke dependency?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(modified Rankin Scale, mRS 4/5)

(Must be No to be eligible)

B7. NIHSS-1a. Conscious or obtunded on NIHSS stroke scale question 1A.

NIHSS-1a. Level of Consciousness

Score 0-1-2: Must be alert (score 0), arouse to minor stimulation (score 1) or require repeated stimulation (score 2) to be eligible.

Score 2-3: Patients with only movements to pain (also score 2) or postures/unresponsive (score 3) are ineligible.

Score 3: The investigator must choose a response if a full evaluation is prevented by such obstacles as an endotracheal tube, language barrier, orotracheal trauma/bandages. A 3 is scored only if the patient makes no movement (other than reflexive posturing) in response to noxious stimulation.

0 = Alert, keenly responsive  
 1 = Arouses to minor stimulation  
 2 = Requires repeated stimulation to arouse  
 2 = Movements to pain  
 3 = Postures or unresponsive  
(△ To be eligible, NIHSS cannot be (2) Movements to pain or (3) Postures or unresponsive.)

B8. Ongoing or anticipated ventilation/intubation/tracheostomy?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B9. Use or planned use of electrical or magnetic stimulation (e.g. NMES, rTMS) for dysphagia?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

This was a protocol change in version 6.0

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B10. Malignant middle cerebral artery syndrome?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(although this typically presents before 4 days).

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B11. Pacemaker? PES should not be used in the presence of any active implanted electrical device, e.g., cochlear implant, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD), permanent pacemaker.  
(Must be No to be eligible)

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

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B12. Need for >35% oxygen of oxygen/minute? (Must be No to be eligible)

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

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B13. Two or more NGT tubes pulled out unless nasal bridle in place?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B14. Investigator feels participant will not tolerate PES catheter?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B15. Palliative care or expected to be discharged or transferred to a site not running the trial during the 6 days of PES treatment period?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

- Expected to be repatriated to a separate organisation.
- Expected to be rehabilitated at a separate organisation.
- Not likely to be in the treating hospital for at least 14 days.

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B16. Participating in another randomised controlled treatment trial for post-stroke dysphagia?

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B17. Pregnant

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B18. Known presence of a pharyngeal pouch

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

(Must be No to be eligible)

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B19. Investigator believes dysphagia will be short-term

Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)

e.g. signs of impending recovery in swallowing

(Must be No to be eligible)

### Section C: Eligibility checklist: ⚠ If the participant is NOT eligible - do not proceed.

C1. Is Participant Eligible?

- Participant's identifiers A1-A3 must be entered
- Inclusion criteria B1-B3 must be YES.
- Exclusion criteria B4-B19 must be NO.
- B7 NIHSS-1a score for consciousness is NOT (2) Movements to pain nor (3) Postures or unresponsive.

All the above criteria must be satisfied

Participant is eligible.

### Section D: Consent (mandatory)

PES on top of guideline-based standard-of-care. (i.e. IN ADDITION TO standard-of-care)

It must be clearly explained, that the PES treatment is an ADDITIONAL treatment to standard-of-care and not a substitute for it.

Protocol violation: Participation without consent, is classified as a protocol violation.

Patients must be informed that participation is voluntary and that they may withdraw from the study at any time, without prejudice.

The decision regarding participation in the study is entirely voluntary.

The investigator or their nominee shall emphasize to them that consent regarding study participation may be withdrawn at any time without penalty or affecting the quality or quantity of their future medical care, or loss of benefits to which the participant is otherwise entitled. No trial-specific interventions will be done before informed consent has been obtained.

The investigator will inform the participant of any relevant information that becomes available during the course of the study, and will discuss with them, whether they wish to continue with the study. If applicable they will be asked to sign revised consent forms.

If the Informed Consent Form is amended during the study, the investigator shall follow all applicable regulatory requirements pertaining to approval of the amended Informed Consent Form by the REC and use of the amended form (including for ongoing participants).

D1a. Consent obtained from

Consent is mandatory, no participation in the trial should be allowed without consent.

- Participant consent (all nations)
- Consultee declaration (England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Germany & Denmark)
- Personal legal representative (Scotland, Austria)
- Independent physician (England, Wales, Northern Ireland & Austria)
- Not Available

If consent was given on behalf of the participant, the participant's consent will be sought if he/ she regains capacity.

D1b. Consent witnessed by a third party. Consent will be witnessed by a third party if the patient lacks the ability to write a signature (e.g., due to dominant hand weakness) or where approval is provided by a consultee by phone.

Yes  No  Not applicable

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D1c. Name of the witness.

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D2. Signed and dated consent form The participant will receive a copy of the signed and dated form. The original will be retained in the Trial Master File. A second copy will be filed in the participant's medical notes. A signed and dated note made in the notes that informed consent was obtained for the trial.

- Participant copy
- Original in the Trial Master File
- Second copy filed in participant's medical notes
- Signed and dated note confirming consent was obtained

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**Section E: Assessor information**

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E1a. Is an associate PI involved?  Yes  No  Not applicable

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E1b. Name of associate PI

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(Associate PI)

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E2. Please enter your name

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(Assessor)

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E3a. What is your professional role?

- Doctor
  - Research coordinator
  - Nurse, clinical
  - Research nurse
  - Physiotherapist
  - Occupation therapist
  - Speech & Language therapist
  - Other
- (Choose one answer)
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E3b. If "Other", please specify your role

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(Professional role)

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E4. Does your role involve working on stroke wards?

- Yes  No  
(Choose one answer)
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E5. Please enter your name if you did not collect the information

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E6. Please sign the form

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(Signature)

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**Comments and full explanation for missing data**

Are any values missing due to tests not done (or measures not taken), or because data are unknown and every effort has been made to find the data - i.e. 'Not done' / 'Not known'?

 Yes No

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If any values are missing, please provide a full explanation  Comments