

## Letter of Invitation

### The Everyday Experience of Living with and Managing a Neurological Condition (The LINC Study)

Dear Friend,

As you know, our organization is a member of Neurological Health Charities Canada. As a stakeholder with our organization, you are receiving this invitation to participate in **'A snapshot in time: an in-depth survey of 3500 people living in Canada'**. This survey is the first part of a larger research study called the LINC Study. The LINC Study is a national study to learn about people living with a neurological condition and its impact on their everyday lives.

The LINC Study has 3 parts:

1. A snapshot in time: an in-depth survey of 3500 people living in Canada
2. A year in the life of 350 Canadians: a series of monthly conversations
3. Individual stories: a study of 18 people, their families and supporters

The LINC study is part of the National Population Health Study of Neurological Conditions, a collaboration between the Neurological Health Charities of Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada. The study is being conducted by a team of researchers from Dalhousie University, Memorial University, Queens University, the University of Manitoba and the University of Prince Edward Island.

The survey will take approximately 60-90 minutes to complete. You can choose to complete it online, on paper, or by phone if you are not able to use online or paper formats. If you wish to have someone help you complete this survey, you can ask someone you trust to help you, or as mentioned, you can request to complete the survey by telephone. You will be asked to provide some identifying information but your name will never be revealed. Only the research team will have access to your identifying information.

If you live in Canada and:

- Are 17 or older and live with a neurological condition OR
- Are a parent of a child (5-16 years) with a neurological condition

Please visit the LINC Study website at [dal.ca/thelincstudy](http://dal.ca/thelincstudy), or call 902-494-1699 or 1-855-462-6828 (toll-free), or email [thelincstudy@dal.ca](mailto:thelincstudy@dal.ca) to see if you're eligible to complete the LINC survey.

If you are unable to access these links, or you have any questions concerning the LINC Study, please contact the Principal Investigators, Dr. Joan Versnel or Dr. Tanya Packer at the School of Occupational Therapy at Dalhousie University by telephone or [jversnel@dal.ca](mailto:jversnel@dal.ca) or [Tanya.packer@dal.ca](mailto:Tanya.packer@dal.ca).

Thank you for your participation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan". The letters are cursive and connected.A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tanya". The letters are cursive and connected.

Dr. Joan Versnel and Dr. Tanya Packer