

Current Clinical Research Studies

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Study Title and Description	Age Group	Target Population
BRaIN Lab Recruitment Registry ¹ : enrolling The BRaIN Lab registry provides opportunity for anyone interested in participating in our research studies to self-enroll into our contact list. We contact people enrolled in the registry to provide information about our active studies that may be a good fit. The registry is a good starting point whether you are interested in participating in any of the studies listed below or wish to be kept informed about new studies as they become active. Duration: 8-10 minutes Location: online, link: is.gd/BRaINlabregistry	18 and older	No restrictions—all individuals are welcome!
iOS ^{3,6} : enrolling This study compares measurements from three wearable devices to develop measures of walking, mobility, and general health. Participation involves: providing health history and walking on level ground at multiple speeds, Duration: 30-45 minutes Location: BRaIN Lab, Davis Campus	Healthy adults & Stroke Survivors (18 and older)	All individuals able to walk 15 meters, with or without assistance
PAS – Paired Associative Stimulation ² : enrolling This project investigates the use of paired associative stimulation (PAS), a form of non-invasive brain stimulation, that promotes neuroplasticity. We will compare the effects of PAS delivered across three conditions to determine the most effective approach for improving walking function for stroke survivors. Duration: 2 sessions, ~4 hours each Location: BRaIN Lab, UC Davis Campus	18 or older	Stroke survivors (≥ 6 months following cortical or subcortical stroke) resulting in hemiparesis ≥ 3 months chronicity
Corticospinal Efficacy as a Prognostic Indicator of Walking Recovery Post-Stroke (CST Study) ² : enrolling	18 and older	Stroke Survivors (≥ 6 months following cortical or subcortical

This research study assesses the relationship between mechanical and neurophysiological factors of walking after stroke with the goal of developing a predictive biomarker of walking recovery. Participation involves: evaluation of walking with motion capture, non-invasive brain stimulation (TMS), and functional tests. A subset of individuals will participate in a 6-week power training program focused on the leg muscles, with walking and functional evaluations at the beginning and end of 6-week training. Duration: Assessment only – 4-5 hours for walking evaluation, 1-2 hours for functional tests, may be scheduled separately or together. Training program – 18 training sessions, 90 minutes each (3 per week x 6 weeks) plus assessments (above) before and after training. Location: BRaIN Lab, Davis Campus		stroke), able to walk 15 meters with or without a device
Task-Failure Study ^{2,3} : enrolling This study assesses manual dexterity and brain function during fatigue and recovery from fatiguing exercise. Participation involves: measurement of hand dexterity, grip strength, muscle activity, and completion of lowintensity grip exercise to fatigue. Duration: Single session, several hours. Location: BRaIN Lab, Davis Campus	18 and older	Healthy adults or Stroke Survivors, ≥6 months following cortical or subcortical stroke
Mobile Gait Assessment ³ : enrolling We are mobile! Meet us in- or outside of the lab for a quick walking assessment. The goal of this study is to develop a clinically accessible measurement of walking, mobility, and general health using mobile technologies. Participation involves: providing health history, a walking assessment, and assessments of general mobility. Duration: 30-45 minutes Location: Varies, contact us for upcoming locations	All ages	All individuals able to walk 15 meters, with or without assistance
Coordination of Human Walking ³ : enrolling This study assesses walking in healthy individuals. Participants may be asked to walk inside and outside of the motion analysis lab while wearing motion capture markers, inertial sensors, or both. Duration: Single session, 1-2 hours Location: BRaIN Lab, Davis Campus and Medical Campus, contact us for upcoming locations	18 and older	Healthy adults

HEBB – Human-robot Enabled system to induce Brain-Behavior adaptations ⁴ : enrolling This project will develop a robotic system to provide personalized, adaptive feedback and optimize motor learning and adaptation of walking behavior. Participation will involve walking on an instrumented treadmill with: a) real-time behavioral feedback, b) combined non-invasive brain and peripheral nerve stimulation to modulate brain activity, or c) both. Duration: 2 sessions: 1-2 hour adaptation session + 60 minute follow-up next day. Location: BRaIN Lab Davis Campus	18 or older	Healthy adults
WILD – Walking in the Living Domain ⁵ : enrolling A project to assess gait and mobility as a part of the UC Davis Healthy Aging in a Digital World Big Idea. Participation involves evaluation of gait and mobility using contactless methods. Participants will receive a printed report of their mobility function compared to agereferenced norms. Duration: 1-4 sessions, 30 minutes each Location: contact us for upcoming locations	All ages	All individuals able to walk 15 meters, with or without assistance
Watch here for new projects coming soon We are constantly developing new projects. Check here often to stay updated on research opportunities!		

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