



**Life's a conversation**

**Quality, Research & Ethics (QRE)  
Presentation to Aphasia Institute  
Board of Directors (BOD)**

January 28, 2019

*Vince Bowman, Chair*

# Agenda

- Committee & Membership
- Mandate
- 2018 at a Glance
- Questions/Discussion



# Membership (min.)

- **3** external representatives
- **1** client
- **1** family member
- **1** volunteer
- **1** member of Board of Directors
- Ex-officio members

# Current QRE Committee



**Vince Bowman**

Chair,  
Community  
Representative



**Sandra Black**

Community  
Representative



**Jan Carlisle**

Community  
Representative



**Tannis  
Fast-Vetter**

Volunteer  
Representative



**Natalie Gierman**

Community  
Representative



**George Kopulos**

Board  
Representative



**Elyse Shumway**

Community  
Representative



**Talya Wolff**

Community  
Representative



**Donald Meeks**

Member  
Representative



**Sherrill Meeks**

Family  
Representative



**Aura Kagan**

Ex-Officio



**Rochelle  
Cohen-Schneider**

Ex-Officio



**Carrie Harrison**

Ex-Officio



# Mandate

- 1) Monitor quality of Aphasia Institute (AI) services
- 2) Assess + approve research proposals
- 3) Advise AI Executive Team (on request)
- 4) Report to the AI Board of Directors (BOD)



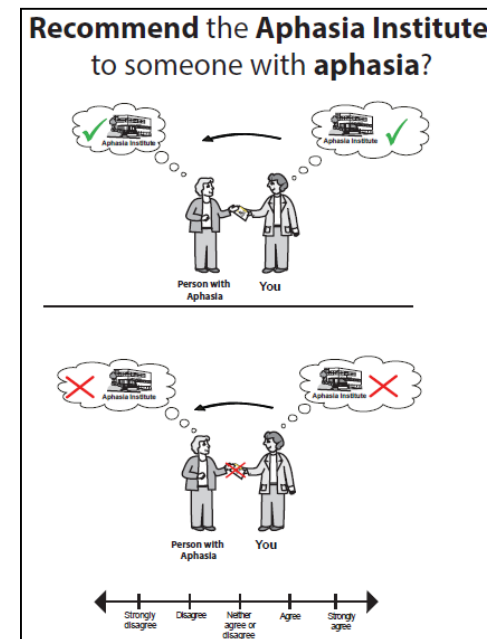
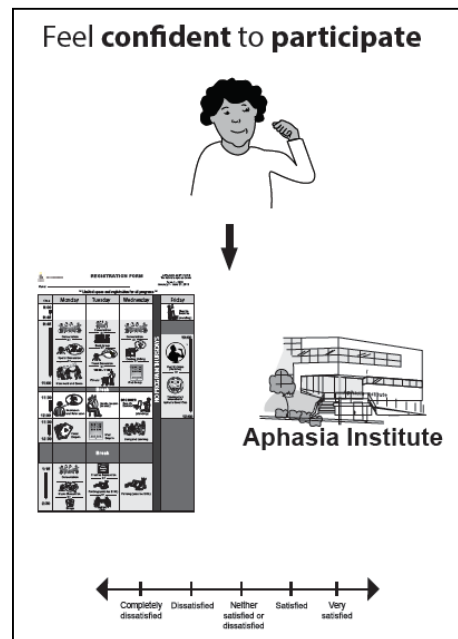
# QRE

## 2018 At a Glance

# Monitoring Quality

Example from 2018 meetings:

- Client Satisfaction → Experience Survey





# Assessing & Approving Research

- Demonstrate value, effectiveness, impact
- Drive learning and improvement
- Platform to share findings broadly
- Enables influence and implementation beyond the walls of the Aphasia Institute

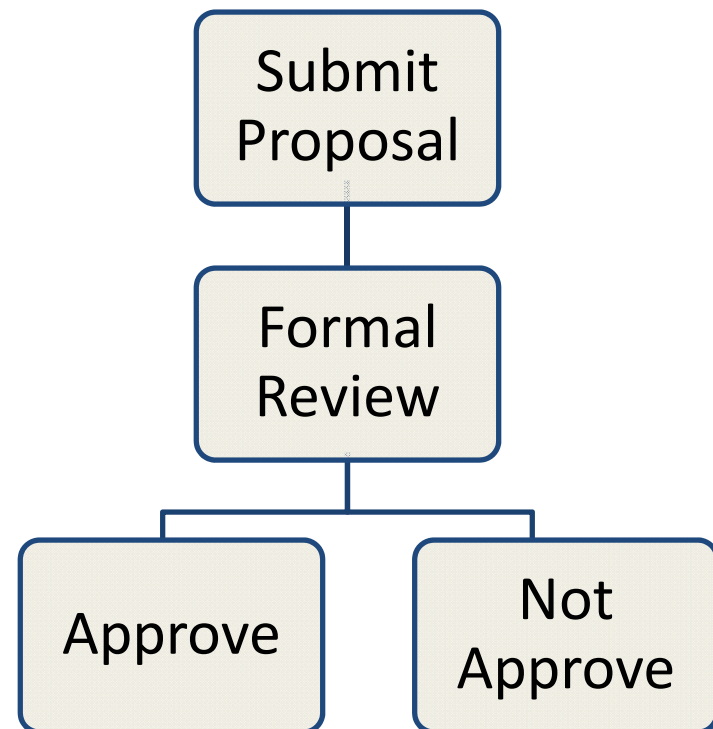


# QRE Oversight of Research at AI

- Internal Projects



- External Projects



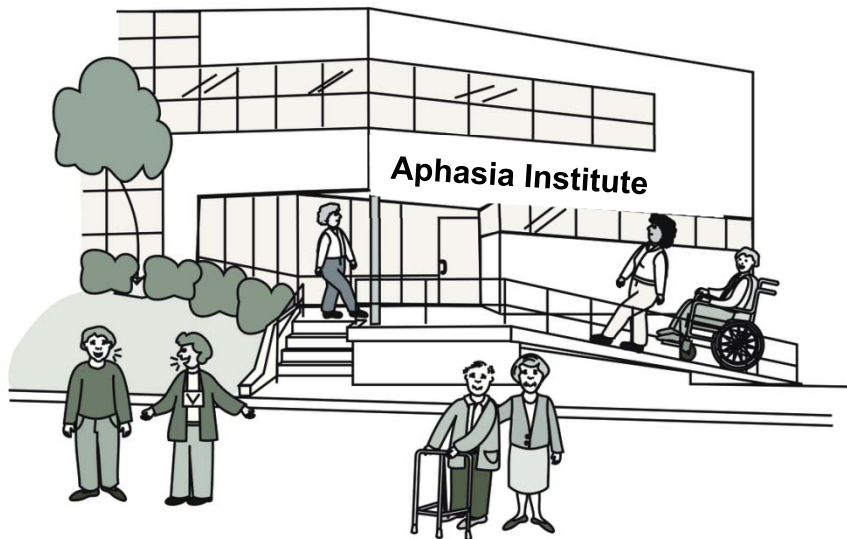


# 2018 Internal Research Projects

- SCA-Acute Project
- Communicative Access Measures for Stroke (CAMS)
- Basic Outcome Measure Protocol for Aphasia (BOMPA)



# SCA-Acute Project



**NORTH  
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GENERAL**

*Making a World  
of Difference*

Improve communication and care for people with aphasia in the acute hospital setting.

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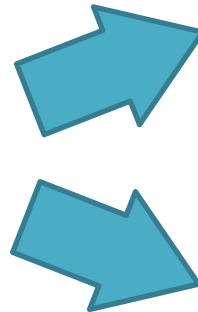
## Family Members

- Surveys
- Focus Groups



## Health Care Professionals

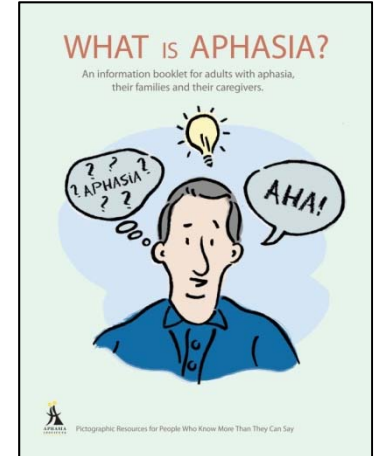
- Surveys (including CAMS)
- Observations
- Focus Groups/Interviews



## People with Aphasia & Families



## Healthcare Professionals



# CAMS COMMUNICATIVE ACCESS MEASURES FOR STROKE

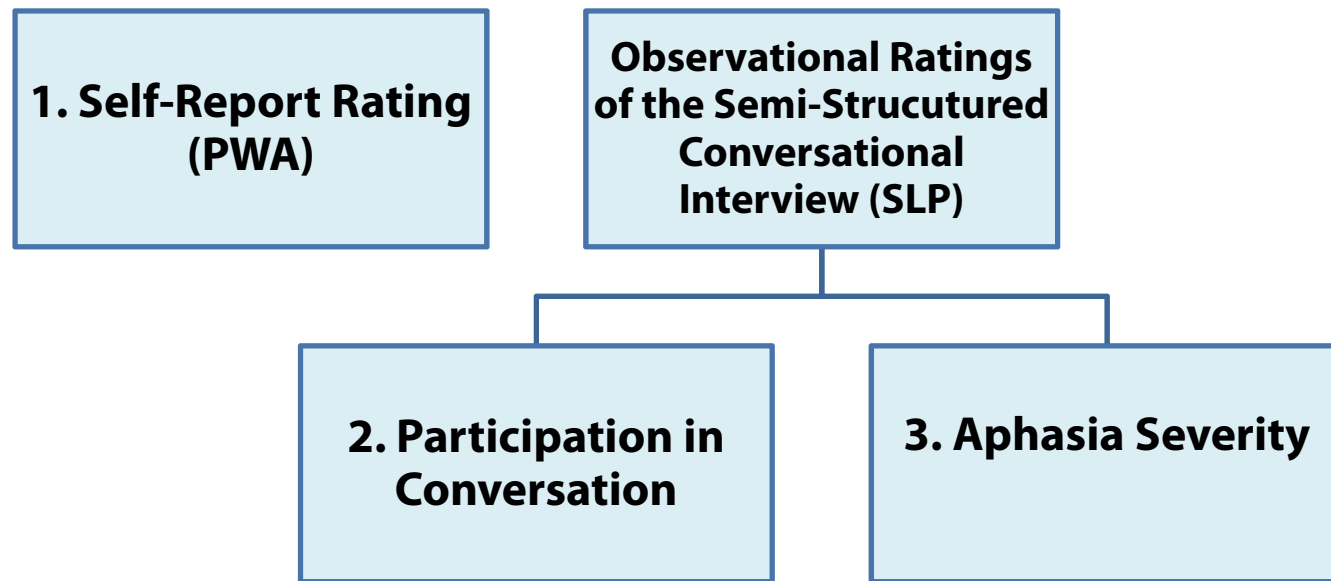


*Phase 2 technical upgrade complete*



# Basic Outcome Measure Protocol for Aphasia (BOMPA)

Development and study of a new short tool to capture the impact of Aphasia Institute's programs – approved and completed.





# 2018 External Research Projects

- **Project #1**

- Reviewed: April 9<sup>th</sup> -- Approved: May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- “Can we enhance aphasia treatment with working memory training? A feasibility study”**

- Elizabeth Rochon, Carol Leonard, Gail Eskes, Sandra Black

- **Project #2**

- Reviewed: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> -- Not Approved: Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>



# Advising the Executive Team: Examples from 2018

- Operations and Quality:
  - Client survey revisions
  - Managing program volumes and priorities
- Research:
  - Operational questions
  - Ethical questions
  - Emerging research opportunities
  - Proposal development
  - Relationships with external partners





# Reporting to the Board of Directors

- QRE Minutes available
- Annual report document
- Annual in-person report to the Board



# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION