

## A feasibility study of a mobile phone supported family-centred ADL intervention, F@ce<sup>™</sup>, after stroke in Uganda

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### Background

## Barriers to rehabilitation services in Uganda

- long distance,
- poor infrastructure
- shortage of professionals
- Poor economic situations of people
- Lack of knowledge about rehabilitation





## The aim of the study

To evaluate the feasibility of:

i) F@ce<sup>™</sup>,

- ii) The study design for evaluating the effect of the intervention on
  - $\rightarrow$ Perceived impact of stroke
  - →Perceived participation
  - →Self-Efficacy



#### **Methods**

- A pre-post design with an intervention group (IG) receiving the F@ce<sup>™</sup> and a control group (CG).
- IG; n=13
- CG; n=15







### **Data collection**

- Primary outcome measures
  - $\circ$  Self-efficacy
  - Canadian Occupational Performance Measure
  - $\circ$  Stroke Impact Scale 3.0 Uganda version
- Secondary outcomes measures
  - $\circ$  Barthel Index
  - Occupational Gaps Questionnaire







## Analysis

- Descriptive statistics
- Differences in outcome measures within & btn groups were explored using Mann Whitney U-Test.



## F@ce<sup>™</sup> /Mobile phone supported family centred ADL intervention.



	Intervention	Activity for the client	Activity for the therapist	Activity for the researcher		
F Face-to-face meeting at hospital/ clinic (Before week 1)	First meeting client, family member and OT. Create a relationship. Planning for next session.	Signs the consent form. Performs according to mRS. Provides contact details.		Screen client using inclusion criteria Explain to the client the purpose of the contact. Sign the consent form. Make appointment with client and OT for baseline assessment and intervention Fill out the demographic protocol and mRS		
Assessments 1 <sup>st</sup> visit at home	Involve family members. Train the use of mobile phone. Try out an activity such as putting on a t-shirt.	Involves the family member. Tries to send and retrieve a text message (SMS). Calls someone	Grades the activity, identifies the level of performance Involves the family members	Updates information of the client if needed. Observe performed activities Video tape activities		
(week 1)	Choose 3 activities Use the COPM. Video tape one activity.	Chooses 3 activities according to COPM. Practices the activity performance, Practices scoring of the activity Performs baseline assessment using Demographic protocol, SSS, BI, SIS, Self-efficacy, OGQ	Demonstrates scoring of activity using COPM	Uses COPM to assess the client level of performance and satisfaction on the 3 activities. Collects data at base line using Demographic protocol, SSS, BI, SIS, Self-efficacy, OGQ.		
C Collaboration (From week 1 - week 8)	TARGET-PLAN- PERFORM-PROVE as a problemsolving strategy. Perform the 3 activities using the strategies for 8 weeks. Reminders with text	Formulate the targets and add strategies together with OT Involve the family member Practices and performs the agreed 3 activities using the strategies. Receives reminders of the targets every morning and evening	Introduces a problem-solving strategy i.e. TARGET-PLAN- PERFORM-PROVE on the 3 chosen targets. Identifies the strategies. Calls the client 2 times a week for eight weeks. Receives text message from the server if the client scored 0	Demonstrates to the client self-scoring of 3 different activities using a predesigned scale from (0 -5). Hands over the scale to client to be used during 8 weeks of intervention Uploads OT and clients telephone contacts to the server in order to initiate connection between the two. Sends Airtime every day to clients to send text		
	message. Activity tracking by text message and calls from OT. Family member involvement	Grades the 3 different activities using a predesigned scale (0-5). Responds to the evening reminders by sending the rated score to a server.	Calls the client the following day when receives red flag on his/her phone Writes field notes whenever communicating with client.	message with rated scores to the server. Collects data from activity tracking Makes an appointment for follow-up assessment. Write field notes. Monitors client text message activities on the serve		
E Evaluation (8th Week)	Perform and evaluate the TARGETS with COPM.	Performs activities again to identify the difference in performance and satisfaction.		Fill out follow-up assessment protocols. COPM, SSS, BI, SIS, Self-efficacy, OGQ Videos tape the activity when performing.		



## Results

- Feasibility of the methodology was viable
- The consent rates were high
- Interest of receiving intervention were good
- COPM performance and Self-Efficacy showed significant differences between IG and CG

			Baseline		After 8 weeks			Mean difference			
	F@	ce n=13	Control n=15	Pv	F@ce n=13	Control n=15	Pv	F@ce n=13	Control n=15	Pv	ca t
Primary outcomes											
COPM performance		2.9	3.4	0.10	5.7	5.8	0.368	2.8	1.6	0.050	
COPM satisfaction		3.0	3.3	0.471	5.7	4.9	0.256	2.7	1.6	0.122	
Self-efficacy		52.7	67.4	0.807	84.5	81.2	0.345	31.8	13.8	0.038	
Strength		34.6	40.4	0.45	50.0	49.1	0.756	15.4	8.7	0.498	
Memory		69.5	81.4	0.17	80.2	83.6	0.365	10.1	2.14	0.200	
Emotion		54.3	58.0	0.53	60.3	66.3	0.746	5.98	8.3	0.596	
Communication		71.2	88.6	0.06	77.2	88.3	072	6.04	-0.24	0654	
SIS ADL		41.0	42.7	1.00	52.1	53.0	0.871	11.1	10.3	0.817	
Mobility		32.3	42.4	0.65	45.7	49.8	0.645	13.5	7.4	0.310	
Hand		5.4	10.7	0.24	13.9	20.0	0.408	8.5	9.3	0.960	
Participation		12.7	19.8	0.33	22.4	24.0	0.444	9.6	4.2	0.403	
Recovery		46.9	48.0	0.38	50.8	58.7	0.243	3.9	10.7	0483	
Secondary outcomes											
Occupational Gaps		14.0	11.0	0.057	11.1	11.1	0.100	-2.9	-0.9	0.391	
Barthel Index		58.1	72.3	0.187	81.2	80.8	0.888	23.1	8.5	0.060	

# Stroke Impact Scale, domain scores at baseline



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#### **Results**

 COPM satisfaction, OGQ and Barthel index did not show significant differences between groups but showed consistent improvement
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### Conclusion

- The trial design can be replicated in a larger trial with improvements in recruitment, allocation concealment, randomization and blinding of data collectors.
- The family-centred mobile phone supported intervention (F@ce<sup>™</sup>) is feasible in the Ugandan context and increases participation in occupations of people with stroke.

## THANK YOU



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