



Right sided brain injury

Thinking and communication problems can be caused by right sided stroke, brain tumour or head injury

Thinking

An injury on the right side of your brain can cause thinking problems. You may find it hard to:

- know the time and date
- remember where you are
- concentrate
- think things through
- be aware of your difficulties
- notice things on the left side (for example, you might not notice people on your left or food on the left side of your plate)
- understand how other people are feeling

Communicating

An injury on the right side of your brain can cause communication problems. You may find it hard to:

- understand the look on someone's face
- understand the tone of someone's voice
- understand jokes
- make eye contact



- join in and follow conversations
- read or write

Will my communicating and thinking get better?

Thinking and communicating problems after a right sided stroke can improve. Speech pathology can help.

A Speech Pathologist can:

- Identify what you are having difficulty with
- Help make communicating and thinking easier
- Help you get back to the things you like to do

Tips for family and friends

- Get the person's attention before you start talking
- Look at the person, say their name
- Reduce distractions
- Turn off the TV or radio
- Say what you mean
- Talk about one topic at a time
- Make sure your gestures and facial expression match what you are saying

Talk to your Speech Pathologist for more information.

Your Speech Pathologist is: _____