

POSITION DESCRIPTION	
NAME: TBC	JOB TITLE: Research Assistant
PRIMARY JOB PURPOSE:	
This role will involve the application of electrical stimulation to patients with a spinal cord injury or critical illness. There will also be the opportunity to assist in data analysis, manuscript preparation and support will be provided to develop your own area of research.	
REPORTS TO: (Performance reviewed by):	JOBS REPORTING TO THIS POSITION:
Dr Euan McCaughey	None
ACCOUNTABILITIES: Key areas of responsibility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research (80% of time) Conduct research relating to “Abdominal Stimulation to improve clinical outcomes after spinal cord injury: translation into worldwide clinical practice”. Also undertake other research related activities such as the preparation of ethics applications and assistance in developing grant applications. • Dissemination (10% of time): make presentations at conferences and seminars within and outside NeuRA when required, write manuscripts at the completion of projects, record experimental details and data results in laboratory note book. • Team support (10% of time): Undertake other jobs befitting of a research assistant within the McCaughey group as and when required, including contributions to team meetings. • Plus other duties as required by management, commensurate with the role 	
CORE COMPETENCIES/REQUIREMENTS/EXPERIENCE:	
<p>Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelors or masters degree in relevant discipline i.e. Neurophysiology, physiology, biomedical engineering, physiotherapy, exercise physiology • Ability to work independently and as part of a research team • Ability to communicate effectively, in writing and verbally, with a wide range of people • Ability to contribute to the development of new research ideas and experiments • Knowledge and experience in conducting human psychological research using quantitative methods • Experience undertaking data analysis <p>Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of electrical stimulation, ideally Abdominal Functional Electrical Stimulation • Experience working with patients with Spinal Cord Injury and/or paralysis • Knowledge of grant applications and Australian funding sector • Knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs • Experience using electronic data capture system • Experience developing ethics applications • Experience in study set-up, data collection and management 	

- Experience in using various programs such as R or Matlab

KEY RELATIONSHIPS/INTERACTIONS – EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL:

- Dr Euan McCaughey (supervisor)
- Dr Bonne Lee (collaborator at Prince of Wales Hospital)
- Other research staff and students at NeuRA, particularly Prof Jane Butler, & Prof Simon Gandevia and other motor impairment group members
- National and international collaborators

WHS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Familiarisation and Compliance with NeuRA general Policies and all NeuRA Work Health and Safety Policies

Responsibilities of all workers:

- Be familiar with and ensure compliance with the WHS Act 2011 and Regulation 2011
- Co-operate with WHS policies and procedures to ensure your own health and safety and that of others within the workplace
- Attend all training sessions as required
- Do not interfere or misuse equipment provided for the health, safety and welfare of persons at work

Additional responsibilities for supervisors: (PCBU)

- Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) i.e. managers and supervisors, have a duty of care for the health, safety and welfare of all persons in the workplace
- PCBUs must adopt a risk management approach to managing health and safety. This includes undertaking necessary risk assessments
- Attend all required training sessions

This role description may change from time to time to suit the needs of the organisation

Signed by employee:

I have read and understood the requirements and expectations outlined in this role description

Name:

Signature:

Date: