



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

“Can Neural Adaptation after Severe Brain Injury Be Facilitated?”

The purpose of this research study is to learn about the effectiveness of a rehabilitation treatment for auditory awareness (being aware of sounds and voices) in unconscious persons.

ELIGIBILITY:

- ❖ **18 Years of Age or Older**
- ❖ **Diagnosed with Severe Brain Injury and Unconscious**
 - **Comatose,**
 - **Vegetative State, or**
 - **Minimally Conscious**
- ❖ **Injury having occurred within the last six months**

Results of this study may improve our understanding of brain functioning and recovery after severe brain injury, as well as how different areas of the brain contribute to awareness and recovery.

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This is a three-year, multicenter study:

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