National Organizations

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HIGHLIGHT: Web-linked list of various types of Aphasia groups by State with contact information for each provided.

Description: This website is more technical in nature.
- Links to current technical and diagnostic research as well as on-going research trials for individuals interested in becoming participants.
- Other articles published for a more general reader.
- National events (conferences and less formal gatherings of people with aphasia and their family members).
- Free e-mail bulletin.
- Links to other resources.

Aphasia Hope Foundation
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HIGHLIGHT: Inspiring and informative piece on options for individuals and their families after the insurance coverage runs out.

Description: This is a very user-friendly site with positively presented information.
- Regularly updated answers to questions from people living with aphasia.
- Online discussion forums.
- Links to aphasia-related news.
- Link to talk with an ‘aphasia professional’ and a video on aphasia.
Aphasia Center of California

http://www.aphasiacenter.org/
200 Grand Avenue, Oakland (Our Program Site)
Mailing Address - 3996 Lyman Road
Oakland, CA 94602
(510) 336-0112

HIGHLIGHT: The site is clearly patient-centered and offers good advice on how to communicate with people with aphasia as well.

Description: Founded in 1996, this was the first independent charitable organization in the United States dedicated to providing direct services to individuals with aphasia.
- Clear definition of aphasia.
- Links to other helpful websites.
- Publish their own newsletter.

http://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/Aphasia_info.htm

HIGHLIGHT: Provides a comprehensive description of expressive vs. receptive language, and how those can be affected by aphasia.
- Describes the role of a speech language pathologist.
- Explains various assessment procedures.
- Reviews the stages of recovery and corresponding therapy.
**American Stroke Association**

http://www.strokeassociation.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200037

HIGHLIGHT: Provides personal stories of stroke survivors.

*Description:* This is a very informative website with links to topics of interest such as ‘life after stroke’ and ‘avoiding another stroke.’

- Heart and Stroke Encyclopedia.
- For family caregivers, link to online discussion groups.
- Stroke Connection Magazine.
- Link to Stroke support groups and penpals.

**National Stroke Association**

http://www.stroke.org/site/PageServer?pagename=HOME

HIGHLIGHT: Breaks stroke survivor groups into categories by gender, age and race.

*Description:* This is a more consumer-savvy website with good information by category and also links to relevant products.

- What is a Stroke?
- Risk Factors/Prevention
- Medical Professionals/Hospitals/Service Providers
- Family/Caregiver information.

**National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders**

http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/voice/aphasia.htm

HIGHLIGHT: Provides answers to common questions.

*Description:* This is an educational site with straightforward information that would be useful to survivors and families or caregivers.

- Brain diagram with language centers highlighted.
- Description of diagnosis and treatment options.
- List of additional resources.
- Research techniques used to study aphasia.
Brain Injury Association of America
http://www.biausa.org/

HIGHLIGHT: Provides a national calendar of events related to traumatic brain injuries.
Description: This site represents a network of more than 40 chartered state affiliates, and hundreds of local chapters and support groups across the country. It provides information, education and support to assist the 5.3 million Americans currently living with traumatic brain injury and their families.
   o List of state offices all around the country.
   o Research.
   o Living with Brain Injury section.

The Internet Stroke Center
http://www.strokecenter.org/

HIGHLIGHT: Neurology Image Library accessible by the web with 85,000+ images to help individuals educate themselves.
Description: This is a comprehensive educational resource, but not very touchy-feely in nature. Washington University of St. Louis is responsible for this independent web resource for information about stroke care and research.
   o Patients and families.
   o Professionals and students.

http://www.strokeofhope.net/survivor/index.htm

HIGHLIGHT: Survivor of the Month Stories
Description: Based out of New York, this organization is dedicated to providing resources and treatment for stroke survivors. It is very user-friendly and positive!