

Supplemental material.

Full search strategy

- CINAHL (number of hits: 842, 3 duplicates, 839 imported)
- Medline (number of hits: 1029, 548 duplicates, 481 imported)
- PsycINFO (number of hits 298, 257 duplicates, 41 imported)
- Web of science: (number of hits: 1317, 884 duplicates, 433 imported)
- Scopus: (number of hits 1218; 963 duplicates, 255 imported)
- Embase: (number of hits 762, 751 duplicates, 11 imported)
- Review of reference lists (new articles 3)

Search date: May 20th 2022

Search strategy for CINAHL: (including MeSH terms, Boolean and wildcard operators)

TI OR AB: “brain injur*” OR ABI OR TBI OR Stroke OR CVA OR “cerebrovascular accident*” OR “cerebro-vascular accident*” OR “cerebrovascular accident*”

OR MH “brain injuries” OR “Stroke” OR “stroke patients”

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TI OR AB: (Group* near/3 (activit* OR art* OR ball* OR boxing OR bookclub* OR bowl* OR “book club” OR “board game*” OR beach* OR coffee* OR café* OR choir* OR church OR creativ* OR chess OR club* OR cinema* OR collecting OR country OR cooking OR concert* OR communit* OR craft* OR cultur* OR danc* OR dining OR drink* OR exerci* OR eat* OR film* OR function* OR farm* OR goal* OR gaming OR game* OR garden* OR hiking OR health* OR hobbies OR intervention* OR jigsaw* OR knitting OR kayak* OR karate OR lifestyle* OR “life style*” OR leisure* OR meal* OR music* OR mobility OR museum* OR meditat* OR martial OR manag* OR mindfulness OR movies OR network* OR occupation* OR outdoor* OR origami OR program* OR Pilates OR participat* OR pet* OR play* OR puzzle* OR park* OR peer* OR prayer* OR paddl* OR rehabilitati* OR restaurant* OR relax* OR sail* OR support* OR social* OR sing* OR song* OR spirit* OR sewing OR swim* OR surf* OR sport* OR therap* OR “tai chi” OR travel* OR volunteer* OR weaving OR wellness OR walking OR water OR writing OR yoga)

OR

MH: “group exercise” OR “peer group” OR “group processes” OR “support groups” OR “social participation” OR “social skills” OR “social skills training” OR “team sports”

Data Collection Form

(that was uploaded, collated and extracted through Covidence)

General Information

Study ID

Title

Lead author/s

Country in which study is conducted

Year of publication

Characteristics of included studies:

Methods

Aim of study

Study design

Method of recruitment of participants

Participants

Population description: type of ABI

Participants' gender and mean age/age range (for treatment and control)

Time since injury

Total number of participants

Group Characteristics:

Intervention focus

Group size

Group setting

Duration/frequency of groups

Student/Volunteer involvement

Group activities

Existing group program modified for ABI: yes, no, not specified

Manualised, set structure or not specified

Caregiver involvement in group: yes, no, not specified

Group theory if reported

Outcome being measured (group purpose)
Outcome measure reported: yes, no, not specified
Primary outcome measure
Secondary outcome measures
Participants experience of group membership?
Participant goals identified; yes, no, not specified
Group targeted participant goals
Participant selected group activities
Homework Provided: yes, no, not specified
Group facilitators
Training provided to group facilitators: yes, no, not specified
Findings quantitative
Findings qualitative
Identified barriers to group
Identified facilitators to group
Reflections (of data extractor)

Table 3: Group Focus, Activities and Outcome Measures

| Study & country | Intervention focus | WHAT Group activities | HOW Mode of intervention | Outcome measure reported | Outcome being measured (group purpose) | Primary outcome measure | Secondary outcome measures |
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| Attard et al., 2018 Australia [62] | Aphasia | communication therapy, conversation, participation, psychological and social support, and stroke/aphasia education. | Face to face | Yes | improve psychological & social support | Therapeutic Factors Inventory-19 | WAB-R AQ (Western Aphasia Battery-Revised Aphasia Quotient) Assessment of Living with Aphasia, Measure of participation in conversation, measure of skill in supported conversation, Bakas Caregiving outcomes scale |
| Attard et al., 2020 Australia [39] | Aphasia | communication therapy, conversation, participation, psychological and social support, and stroke/aphasia education. | Face to face | No | To reduce depressive symptoms | | |
| Batcho et al., 2013 Belgium [87] | Functional improvement (brisk walking) | brisk walking around an outside track | Face to face | Yes | improved functional recovery | Beck Depression Inventory - II | Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9), The Philadelphia Mindfulness Scale (PHLMS) |
| Bedard et al., 2014 Canada [88] | Mental Health | topics included meditation techniques, breathing exercises, gentle yoga, awareness of thoughts and feelings, acceptance, and staying in the present. | Face to face | Yes | Improve function (ADLs, mobility, mood) | ACITLIM-Stroke questionnaire and the 6minute walk test (^MWT). | Stroke impairment assessment set (SIAS), the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS), and the Berg Balance Scale (BBS) |
| Bek 2016 et al., USA [89] | Physical (conductive education) | repetitive gross and fine movements with auditory cues (5,,4,,3,2,1) | Face to face | Yes | Overall functional performance | Barthel Index, the Stroke Impact Scale, the Timed Up and Go test, and the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale. | COPM |
| Bonn 2022 et al., Canada [50] | Functional improvement | each BrainEx90 session comprised 90-minutes of circuit training, with 5- or 10-minute stations that addressed common impairments in cognition, balance, endurance, vision, vestibular function, and self-management. Therapists tailored station activities to each participants needs/abilities' during each session. Each session also included an education section on recovery-related topics, such as anxiety, nutrition, and mindfulness. | Face to face | Yes | increase in healthy behaviours | | |

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| Brenner et al., 2012, USA [38] | Health Promotion | Healthy choices – healthy lives group wellness program. Participant sharing, goal setting, relaxation, physical activity, review of food log and pyramid, positive thinking emotional health | Face to face | Yes | promote wellbeing and communicative success | HPLP-II (Health Promoting Lifestyle Profile - II) | Self-Rated Abilities for Health Practices Scale (SHAHP) - The Perceived Wellness Survey, Diener Satisfaction With Life Scale, The Medical Outcomes Study Health Status Survey Short Form (SF-12)5, The Neurobehavioral Functioning Inventory , The Barriers to Health Promoting Activities for Disabled Scale., The Personal Resource Questionnaire-Adapted (PRQa)The Participation Assessment With Recombined Tools Objective (PART-O), WHO's Alcohol, Smoking and Substance involvement screening test |
| Caute et al., 2021, UK [44] | Aphasia | The group activities aimed to promote wellbeing, give participants experiences of communicative success and foster social connection. EVA park is an online virtual reality yoga | Virtual world accessed from home computers | | providing modified yoga to people with TBI | | |
| Chauhan et al., 2020, USA [73] | Yoga | | | | community integration and quality of life | | |
| Chinchai et al., 2020 Thailand [84] | Functional improvement | cooking, gardening in trays, and Thai traditional games to stroke clients once a week to promote social relationships and participation among peer groups. | Face to face | Yes | Improve subjective wellbeing | community integration questionnaire | World Health Organization Quality of Life Brief Test (Thai version) (WHOQOLBREF-THAI) |
| Dam et al., 2020 UK [58] | Physical | community-based group exercise sessions offered gentle/low-intensity exercise, which were either yoga and/or Tai-Chi/Chi-Kung and/or gym sessions, which varied among boroughs | Face to face | No | improved memory | | |
| das Nair et al., 2012 UK [33] | Cognitive | Participants in both memory intervention programmes were taught the use of internal memory aids and errorless learning techniques. In addition, those in the compensation group were taught how to use external memory aids. The restitution group engaged in exercises to practise encoding and retrieval, which also included attention retraining exercises, such as letter and number cancellation tasks | Face to face | Yes | improve memory | Everyday Memory Questionnaire | Memory functions, mood, and activities of daily living were assessed at baseline and five and seven months after randomization |
| das Nair et al., | Cognitive | Strategies taught included restitution (including attention retraining) and strategies to improve encoding and | Face to face | Yes | improve health and wellbeing of participants | Patient-reported Everyday Memory Questionnaire | Secondary outcomes were an objective evaluation of everyday memory (Rivermead Behavioural Memory Test General Memory Index), patient- |

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| 2019 UK [48] | | retrieval (such as deep-level processing). Compensation strategies taught included mnemonics (chunking, use of first letter cues, rhymes), use of external devices (diaries, mobile phones, calendars) and ways of coping with memory problems. The use of errorless learning was also taught. | | | in the chronic phase | | reported outcomes of mood (General Health Questionnaire – 30-item version), experience of brain injury (European Brain Injury Questionnaire – patient version modified version), and personal short- and long-term goal attainment. |
| Domensi no et al., 2020 the Netherlands [3] | Functional improvement | Cognitive modules (Dealing with change; Getting a grip on your energy; Thinking and doing) and two physical modules (Getting active A and Getting active B). | Face to face | Yes | quality of life | SER-P, Need of Care and RSES | (COOP/WONCA |
| Donnelly et al., 2017 USA [90] | Yoga | Modified yoga program - breathing exercises, yoga activities, guided meditation, facilitated discussion with psychoeducation (didactic material, question prompts, and activities that the yoga teacher is trained to introduce to the group). | Face to face | Yes | community integration | Quality of Life After Brain Injury (QOLIBRI) measure pre- and post-intervention; | participants report in interview: sustained and improved community connection - almost 1/2 participants indicated they sustained relationships built during LoveYourBrain Yoga and were more capable of accessing other activities in their community. |
| Donnelly et al., 2020 USA [55] | Yoga | breathing exercises, yoga activities, guided meditation, facilitated discussion with psychoeducation (didactic material, question prompts, and activities that the yoga teacher is trained to introduce to the group). | Face to face | Yes | | | |
| Donnelly et al., 2021 USA [37] | Yoga | Modified Yoga Program Briefly, each class is 1.5 h and has a specific structure: 10 min of breathing exercises (pranayama) to calm the nervous system, 45 min of gentle yoga (asana) to improve strength, flexibility, and balance, 15 min of guided meditation to enhance attention control, emotional regulation, and self-efficacy, and 20 min of facilitated discussion with psychoeducation to cultivate skills in resilience. | Face to face | Yes | change in physical activity | QOLIBRI-O | |
| Driver et al., 2016 USA [68] | Health Promotion | informational (eg, importance of activity, link to rehabilitation), social (eg, being active with friends and family), and behavioral strategies (eg, goal setting, identification of barriers, rewards) to facilitate increased activity. | Face to face but promoted through smart phone app | Yes | physical activity, nutrition | The primary outcome was the amount of time spent in weekly activity, | secondary outcomes included self-efficacy to be active and rehabilitation outcomes |

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| Driver et al., 2017 USA [40] | Health Promotion | Education regarding food and exercise - tracking/monitoring food/exercise choices | Face to face | Yes | 5%-7% weight loss | weight loss between 5%-7% | Adherence (ie. Session attendance and self-monitoring of dietary behaviours) Physiologic changes (ie. Weight loss, blood pressure, waist and arm circumference; lip provfile) Quality of health (ie. Self-reported health, quality of life & step count) |
| Driver et al., 2018 USA [91] | Health Promotion | goal setting, identification of behavioural cues, calorie counting, and TBI-specific physical activity guidelines Education regarding food and exercise - tracking/monitoring food/exercise choices | Face to face | No | upper limb function | weight loss between 5%-7% | Adherence (ie. Session attendance and self-monitoring of dietary behaviours) Physiologic changes (ie. Weight loss, blood pressure, waist and arm circumference; lip provfile) Quality of health (ie. Self-reported health, quality of life & step count) |
| English et al., 2021 Australia [92] | Physical | stimulation, strength training, modified constraint induced movement therapy, mirror box therapy, mental practice and sensory retraining | Face to face | Yes | no of memory problems | Motor assessment scale (MAS) | Box and block test, 9-hole peg test, Jamar dynamometer and pinch gauge, Visual analogue scale |
| Evald, 2018 Denmark [93] | Cognitive | Group activities were designed to boost learning around use of platforms on the phone (internet, e-mail, social networks) calendar appointments. | Face to face but use of smart phone app as a memory aid | Yes | improving community mobility | Use of target behaviours | Self-reported prospective memory questionnaire, European Brain Injury Questionnaire and Cognitive Failure Questionnaire. |
| George et al., 2022 Australia [47] | Community mobility | information sharing, group discussion, speakers, practical sessions, mindfulness relaxation techniques, CBT approaches, lifestyle planning, alternative transport, community outing | Face to face | Yes | | Global positioning system (GPS) devise to record location and number of outings from home | CarFreeMe TI Transport Questionnaire, Community Mobility Self-efficacy Scale, quality of life measures, Modified Canadian Occupational Performance Measure for gaols (importance & satisfaction), participant satisfaction survey results, researcher logs |
| Gerber et al., 2015 Canada [94] | Social support | exercise, discussion groups, workshops, bobbies, crafts, games and skill training sessions, community outings as well as caregiver support | Face to face | Yes | improving physical activity | Community Integration Questionnaire (CIQ) | Overt Behaviour Scale (OBS), Burden Assessment, GAS |
| Givon et al., 2016 Israel [51] | Physical | intervention group played video games with consoles (Microsoft Xbox Kinect, Sony Play-Station 2 Eyetoy, Sony PlayStation 3 MOVE, Nintendo Wii Fit and the SeeMe VR system), traditional upper limb activities in control group were exercises and functional activities were adopted from existing community group programs such as the Fitness and Mobility Exercise Program, the Graded Repetitive Arm Supplementary Program and the task-oriented intervention | Video games incorporated in face-to-face therapy session | Yes | reintegration to normal living and improved function | Compliance (session attendance), satisfaction and adverse effects were feasibility measure. Grip strength and gait speed were measures of physical activity. | Hip accelerometers quantified steps/day and the Action Research Arm Test assessed the functional ability of the upper extremity. |

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| Harel-katz et al. 2020 Israel [95] | Health Promotion | learning and practicing self-management skills, such as problem-solving and decision-making, along with elements for improving participants self-efficacy to manage their medical and emotional condition and participation. These are followed by seven stroke-specific sessions that focus on applying the SM skills that were practiced, along with a process of analyzing difficulties in performing daily activities and finding strategies, to improve participation at home, community, work, and social activities. | Face to face | | improve self-efficacy | Feasibility was based on attendance rate and a feedback questionnaire. | Effectiveness was evaluated with the Functional Independence Measure (FIM), the Reintegration to Normal Living Index (RNLI) and self-efficacy questionnaires |
| Hawley et al., 2022 USA [52] | Health Promotion | goal setting, wellness plan, communication skills | Face to face | Yes | support adjustment and quality of life | The Self-Advocacy Scale (SAS) (primary) | General Self-Efficacy Scale (GSE); Personal Advocacy Activity Scale (PAAS); Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS). |
| Jones et al., 2019 USA [36] | Mental Health (Art) | Mask making, expressive writing, montage painting, remembrance, and mourning | Face to face | No | improve communication | | |
| Keegan et al., 2020 USA [21] | Social interactions | collaborative goal setting, community outings and conversations to address client goals | Face to face | Yes | self-management of personal goals | Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS) | Exchange structure analysis |
| Lee et al., 2017 USA [96] | Functional improvement | An Activity-Barriers-Changes-Doing (ABCD) framework was newly added to the IPASS-R program to provide easy-to-follow problem-solving and goal setting steps. Participants (1) identify an activity that they want to improve or re-engage in (A); (2) list barriers that hinder their engagement (B); (3) identify changes within the PEOP model that they can make to improve their engagement (C); and (4) decide which change they are going to pursue as an action plan and do (D). This framework was used repetitively in each session throughout the program. Had a community outing in final session | Face to face | Yes | improved quality of life, wellness | Primary outcome measures were the Reintegration to Normal Living Index (RNLI), Stroke Impact Scale (SIS), and Participation Strategies Self-Efficacy Scale | Qualitative feedback was collected post-treatment. |
| Lexell et al., 2013 Sweden [61] | Functional improvement | The group sessions give the opportunity for the participants to meet with others in the same situation, to share similar experiences and to help | Face to face | | improve participation in life roles | | |

one another to learn new strategies in their daily lives

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| Liu-ambrose et al., 2015 Canada [97] | Leisure: (recreation activities) | Getting on with the rest of your life program: Exercise group based on the Fitness and Mobility Exercise (FAME) program) and 1 hour recreation leisure activities included social activities as well as specific group activities that emphasize planning, strategy, decision making, and learning, such as playing billiards, bowling, arts and crafts, and cooking. | Face to face | Yes | improved upper limb function/control | Stroop Test | Set shifting & working memory as well as mood, functional capacity and general balance and mobility |
| Mandehg ary Najafabadi et al., 2019 Iran [34] | Leisure: (volleyball) | The control group only underwent a traditional rehabilitation program. Both competitive and noncompetitive volleyball exercise groups participated in volleyball exercise (60min/d, 3d/wk for 7wk), in addition to traditional rehabilitation (30min/d, 3d/wk). The only difference between the noncompetitive and competitive groups was introducing competition by scoring points only in the competitive group | Face to face | Yes | wellbeing and communication success | Reach and grasp motor control measures were evaluated through kinematic analysis. | Functional outcomes were assessed via Motor Activity Log, Wolf Motor Function Test (WMFT), Box and Block Test, and Wrist Position Sense Test |
| Marshall et al., 2020 UK [45] | Aphasia | activities designed to promote social engagement in a virtual setting | Virtual world accessed through home computer | Yes | community integration and QOL | attendance, WMEWBS (Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale and the CADL-S Communication Activities of Daily Living Scale | Social Connectedness Scale-Revised (SCS-R), Western Aphasia Battery-Revised (WAB-R), Stroke and Aphasia Quality of Life-39 (SAQOL-39g) generic version |
| Mayo et al., 2015 Canada [98] | Functional improvement | Leisure activities based on Mission possible, the exercise component was based on the interventions in the FAME program (45 minutes of continuous exercise 2 x week: group exercise, circuits and dance) | Face to face | No | improve memory | hours spent in meaningful activity measured using the Community Healthy Activities Model Program for Seniors (CHAMPS) questionnaire (for this study we considered time spent in meaningful | Secondary outcomes were generic and stroke-specific HRQL as measured by the EuroQol EQ-5D26 and the Preference-Based Stroke Index (PBSI). ²⁷ |

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| Miller et al., 2014 Australia [99] | Cognitive | each session involved education (about memory and the factors influencing optimal memory function) and training in the use of compensatory strategies (both internal/mental strategies and external memory aids) | Face to face | Yes | improve leisure satisfaction, self-esteem and QOL | activity outside of the home excluding activities directly provided by the program) A related participation outcome was the Reintegration to Normal Living (RNL) Index, which queries the extent to which an individual was able to accomplish common activities in and outside of the house tests of anterograde memory (Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test; RAVLT; Complex Figure Test) and prospective memory (Royal Prince Alfred Prospective Memory Test); | the Comprehensive Assessment of Prospective Memory (CAPM) questionnaire and self-report of number of strategies used |
| Mitchell et al., 2014 Australia [100] | Leisure: (leisure exploration) | With the assistance of Centre Active Recreation Network based in North East Victoria, a variety of activities was planned including sailing, clay target shooting, bushwalking, tai chi, golf, fishing, pool, tennis, table tennis, Wii Nintendo, volleyball, netball, soccer games, movies, socialising and eating out. | Face to face | Yes | physical activity and quality of life | Leisure Satisfaction Scale (LSS), | World Health Organisation Quality of Life Bref (WHOQOL-BREF) and Rosenberg Self Esteem Scale (RSES) |
| Nayak et al., 2021 India [43] | Leisure: (adapted sports) | Volleyball, badminton, throwball, football penalty shoots, basketball shootouts, bowling game | Face to face | Yes | creating hope and improving motivation | Participation in physical activities (PASIPD - Physical activity scale for individuals with physical disabilities | Quality of life (SSQoL - stroke specific quality of life) |
| Nemeth et al., 2015 USA [101] | Mental health | group activities: goal setting, education of psychological theories, redefining self, coping strategies | Face to face | No | maximise recovery and return to activities | | |

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| Nicholas et al., 2021 USA [42] | Aphasia | The program addressed the activity participation goals of 35 participants. Programming consisted of individual and group speech-language and occupational therapy, adaptive sports, swimming, music therapy, and a wellness mindfulness group | Face to face | Yes | experiences of participants | 11 Standardized instruments assessing performance and self-perception of abilities were used to evaluate aspects of participants communication relative to each of the four domains of the ICF model (Impairment: Western Aphasia Battery-Revised WAB-R, Assessment of Language -Related Functional Activities (ALFA), Communicative Effectiveness Index (CETI), Cognitive Linguistic Quick Test (CLQT), Participation: Activity Card Sort (ACS), Stroke Impact Scale, COPM, Measure of Environmental Support (Medical Outcomes Study MOS, Social support Scale, Measure of Person-level Factors: Aphasia Communication outcome Measure ACOM, Communication Confidence Rating Scale for Aphasia, Visual Analog |
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| Niraj et al., 2020 UK [59] | Mental health | mindfulness skills (body scans, breathing, practicing skills in daily life) | Face to face | No | promotes functional independence and physical fitness | | |
| Norris et al., 2013 UK [54] | Functional improvement | intense exercises (including aerobic endurance, strengthening, range of movement, balance, coordination and other aspects of sensorimotor function,) and self-efficacy, exploring attitudes and beliefs; functionally-oriented activities; problem-solving; and experientially devised compensation strategies | Face to face | | functional recovery and QOL | | |
| Perez-Rodriguez et al., 2021 Spain [102] | Leisure: (adapted sports) | water activity, swimming, paddle tennis, initiation to football and initiation to athletics. | Face to face | Yes | improve participation | SF-36 (QOL) | 6-minute walk test, profile of mood states, beck's inventory, CPAQ, registration forms (considering personal and environmental factors) |
| Poncet et al., 2017 France [103] | Functional improvement | The PMR program-trains the patient in activities in the natural environment to resume activities of everyday life. It includes activities such as cooking, sports and leisure activities (e.g., swimming pool, ping-pong), outings(e.g., public transport, orientation in the city),newspaper, communication, speaking groups, and relaxation | Face to face | Yes | use of strategies and improved memory | Perception of Quality of Rehabilitation Services [PQRS-Montreal]] | interviews (structured around a SWOT analysis) involving program participants and service providers. |
| Radford et al., 2012 Australia [104] | Cognitive | training in the use of compensatory strategies as well as education regarding memory function, neurological damage, sleep and lifestyle factors that have an impact on memory. | Face to face | Yes | increasing physical activity | reported strategy use | the Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (total learning and delayed recall) and self-report on the Comprehensive Assessment of Prospective Memory |
| Rand et al., 2018 Canada [57] | Physical | Participants played games in alternating pairs using two different VG consoles per session. All games were played while standing (to improve standing balance) while each individual participant with stroke was closely supervised or supported and encouraged to use his or her weaker upper extremity to play and interact with the virtual | Face to face | Yes | support community participation and social integration | interviews | |

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| | | objects (to improve upper-extremity motor and functional activity). | | | | | |
| Raukola-Lindblom 2020 [67] | Social support | The intervention periods include education, reflection, and practical experiential exercises and can be multidisciplinary with both speech-language pathologists and neuropsychologists providing oversight and direction. The main goal of the described group interventions is to support community participation and social reintegration. Our groups also go on community field trips to art galleries, cafeterias, or other socially active places together with the therapists | Face to face | No | impact on weight loss | | |
| Reynolds et al., 2018 USA [46] | Health Promotion | The sessions concentrate on healthy food choices, calorie and fat intake, and physical activity promotion to help the participant achieve and maintain a 5-7% weight loss by following federal guidelines for physical activity participation (safe and progressive increase to achieve 150 min of moderate intensity activity each week) and USDA My Plate dietary/calorie recommendations | Facebook | Yes | 25 perceived benefits of participating in groups for adults with aphasia that fell into five categories: psychosocial, communication, participation, information, and other. | BMI | Weight |
| Rotherham et al., 2015 New Zealand [56] | Aphasia | Individuals with aphasia may participate in a variety of types of groups including peer-facilitated aphasia, volunteer-facilitated aphasia, stroke, and general groups. | Face to face | No | safe, supportive space to belong and grow | | |
| Salas et al., 2021 UK [53] | Functional improvement | Head Forward includes cognitive activities (e.g., Team Pub Quizzes, Group Crossword or Group Scrabble) to provide the opportunity for attendees to practice their cognitive and social skills in a group setting. During well-being activities (How was your week? and Brain Injury discussion groups) the focus is to facilitate the interpersonal connection between attendees, by | Face to face | No | QOL, community integration, employment status and stability | | |

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| | | sharing individual experiences and receiving feedback from peers | | | | | |
| Shany-Ur et al., 2020 Israel [105] | Mental health | Cognitive interventions included group sessions addressing attention, memory, communication, logical reasoning (executive functioning), and psychoeducation about the brain and BI. Additional interventions addressed functional skills, such as arithmetic, reading comprehension, and basic computer use, tailored to meet individual needs. Psychological interventions included individual psychotherapy, group therapy, and vocational counselling. Family members participated in monthly psychoeducational group meetings, and family therapy was optional. | Face to face | Yes | physical cognitive functions and QOL | Employment status and vocational stability | Community Integration Questionnaire, Wimbledon Self-Report Scale, Perceived Quality of Life questionnaire |
| Song et al., 2021 S Korea [106] | Tai chi | Each session consisted of a 5-min warm up, a 5-min of qigong, a 35-min of Tai Chi movements in a seated or standing position, and a 5-min cool-down. | Face to face | | improve perceived occupational performance, balance & mobility | A standardized questionnaire for obtaining information about demographic characteristics, cognitive function, stroke-specific QOL, and symptom clusters was administered via face-to-face interviews | K-MOCA, Muscle strength (knee muscle strength - isokinetic muscle testing), Balance - Berg Balance Scale, Korean MBI, QOL - Stroke-Specific Quality of Life (SS-QOL) |
| Stephens et al., 2020 USA [49] | Yoga | yoga included physical postures, breath work, affirmations, and meditation/relaxation. Yoga was practiced seated in a chair and then progressively became more challenging over the 8 weeks to include standing and floor postures (supine only) | Face to face | | | COPM | Balance (Berg Balance Scale), Mobility (6 min walk), Balance confidence (ABC), Pain PEG |
| Tamplin et al., 2013 Australia [41] | Leisure (Choir) | Choir members participated in a weekly 2-hour rehearsal. Each rehearsal consisted of 90 minutes of singing songs and simple vocal exercises and a 30minute coffee break for rest and socialization. It was considered important to clarify with the group | Face to face | Yes | | Instruments used to assess mood were the General Health Questionnaire-12 (Goldberg et al., 1997) and the Visual Analogue Mood | Three of the Stroke Impact Scale (SIS-3) subscales were used, the 33-item Sense of Belonging Instrument (SOBI) was used to assess social participation |

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| | | members what they hoped to achieve from the choir to develop a sense of group ownership and cohesion | | | | Scale (Stern, 1997). The General Health Questionnaire-12 (GHQ-12) | |
| Tieleman et al., 2016 the Netherlands [63] | Health Promotion | Sessions involve teaching the participants proactive action planning in the context of four themes: handling negative emotions, social relations and support, participation in society and less visible consequences of stroke | Face to face | Yes | change in body mass index, fruit/vegetable intake, and physical activity. | Session logs, | questionnaires for therapists, patients and their partners, and focus groups. |
| Towfighi et al., 2020 USA [65] | Health Promotion | Each session included 1) didactic presentations on a specific lifestyle practice; 2) peer exchange; 3) personal exploration (with assistance setting individualized, realistic, achievable short-term goals); and 4) direct experience through participation in a relevant activity. Activities included preparing nutritious drinks and meals, grocery shopping on a prespecified budget, walking at a park, stretching, strengthening, and yoga. Recommendations were based on secondary stroke prevention guidelines | Face to face | Yes | functional independence | Primary outcomes included three of the five key lifestyle practices: BMI, servings of fruits/vegetables per day, and physical activity (alcohol use not included) | Secondary outcomes included smoking, waist circumference, systolic blood pressure, LDL, HDL, triglyceride, total cholesterol, and glycosylated haemoglobin levels, health-related quality of life (Short Form-6D),20 and perceptions of care |
| Vestri et al., 2014 Italy [66] | Functional improvement | Welcoming (an initial highly structured activity, to help the patient to develop a personalized agenda), reading newspapers, cognitive exercises (two levels of difficulty), watching movies (structured activity including cognitive work), expressive laboratory (focused on personal resources and on the components of divergent thinking of executive functions), technical workshop (focused on the components of convergent thinking of executive functions), activities on a personal computer, physical exercise, primary and secondary activities of daily living, cooking (from motivational aspects to the more complex executive functions), socialization (mainly free time activities to favour patient relaxation and relational wellbeing led by an educator) | Face to face | | return to work | LCF (Rancho Los Amigos Level of Cognitive Functioning), DRS (Disability Rating Scale) and FIM (Functional Independence Measure). | |

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| Vikane et al., 2017 Norway [107] | Functional improvement | The group interventions consisted of receiving education and addressing common problems in daily life after MTBI. | Face to face | Yes | improved coping strategy and quality of life | Primary outcome was sustainable return-to-work first year post-injury. | Secondary outcomes were post-concussion symptoms, disability, the patients' impressions of change and psychological distress |
| Visser et al., 2016 the Netherlands [108] | Mental health | Solving problems was structured by dividing the problem-solving process in 4 steps: ([1] define problem and goal; [2] generate multiple solutions; [3] select a solution; and [4] implement and evaluate. In our group therapy, positive problem orientations were encouraged during the interactive problem definition step. | Face to face | Yes | quality of life | Coping strategy was measured using the Coping Inventory for Stressful Situations. | Problem-solving skills were measured with the short version of the Social Problem Solving Inventory-Revised. HRQoL was measured using the Stroke-Specific Quality-of-Life Scale-12 and the EuroQol EQ-5D-5L. Depression was measured using the Centre for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale |
| White 2020 USA [69] | Functional improvement | education topics, therapy activities EB, time management, creative expression | Face to face | | improved occupational performance | | |
| Wijekoon et al., 2020 Canada [60] | Social support | involve a structured lecture component, where speakers and professionals from the community discuss various topics such as taxes, personal security, dietary knowledge, and disability benefits, and provide relevant resources to the group. The group is then offered a chance to speak with peers over refreshments. | Face to face | | | Twelve open-ended interview questions were developed using the CMOP-E as the guiding framework, with 16 additional prompt questions. | |
| Wilson et al., 2015 S Africa [20] | Cognitive | Education regarding: brain injury and domains of cognition: memory skills, thinking skills, executive skills & awareness skills | Face to face | No | improve in person-centred memory goals | | participants report in interview: the group experience seemed to break the cycle of social exclusion and declining self - esteem and support the acceptance of their new identity (regaining their sense of self) |
| Withiel et al., 2019 Australia [109] | Cognitive | memory skill group interventions take a compensatory approach to rehabilitation with a theoretical aim of lessening the disabling impact of impairment | Computerised cognitive training used as an intervention | Yes | reduced memory complaints | Attainment of personal, memory-specific rehabilitation goals was assessed using Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS) | The Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Task (RAVLT) (22) and the Brief Visuospatial Memory Test-Revised (BVMT-R) |
| Withiel et al., 2020 Australia [35] | Cognitive | psychoeducation, training in internal and external compensator memory strategies, and discussion of lifestyle issues relevant to memory functioning. | Face to face | No | improve self-efficacy and participation in everyday life activities | The target behaviour was subjective every day and prospective memory failures, assessed using the Everyday Memory Questionnaire- | Functional memory goal attainment (GAS), The Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test and the Brief Visuospatial Memory Test-Revised |

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| Wolf et al., 2016 USA [110] | Health Promotion | The IPASS Intervention involves a participatory, small group, problem-solving process based upon the self-management and environmental management interventions. All concepts and contents of the chronic disease self-management program (CDSMP) were retained, and an additional seven sessions with an emphasis on home, community, and work management after stroke were supplemented to the original CDSMP. Focus on problem solving using PEOP model | Face to face | Yes | improve memory goals | Revised [25] and Part A of the Comprehensive Assessment of Prospective Memory [26] respectively. Chronic disease self-efficacy scale (CDSSES) Participation strategies self-efficacy scale (PS-SES) | Community participation indicators (CPI) |
| Wong et al., 2021 Australia [111] | Cognitive | Memory strategies are practiced during group sessions, and weekly homework tasks are set to encourage generalization of strategies to participants day- to-day activities | Face to face | Yes | balance, functional mobility, motor function, depression | GAS | Fidelity (adherence): session content checklist, eNACT group facilitation competency checklist, clinician & SMSG participant experience |
| Xie et al., 2018 China [112] | Tai chi | Each session comprised 45 min of exercise plus a 15-min warm-up and cool-down. To exercise wave hands in the cloud, one must stand straight, move arms and legs with the waist at the axis, and breathe in a relaxed manner. The balance rehabilitation training includes static balance training, dynamic balance training, bobath training, walking training and so on according to the patient's functional level and condition | Face to face | Yes | community participation, falls prevention | Berg Balance Scale (BBS) | Time up to go test (TUGTO) Modified Barthel Index (MBI) |
| Xu et al., 2021 Singapore [113] | Community mobility | Balance and strength exercises (stroke specific) a Home hazards solution Community safety Safe footwear Medication review Low vision and falls Vitamin D Public transport safety Coping strategies after stroke Safety in daily activities | Face to face | Yes | fatigue and anxiety/depression (addressing common needs of participants) | monthly falls calendar | pre-post programme evaluation questionnaire , Falls efficacy scale, falls behavioural scale, life-space assessment, reintegration to normal living index (MRNLI), GAS |

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| | | introducing new leisure activities (such as tai chi) | | | | | |
| Yeates et al., 2015 UK [114] | Yoga | Each group involved directed three-part diaphragmatic breathing practices, the repetition of five postures that were practiced from a seated or lying-down position, and finally, deep relaxation and a mental imagery protocol. | Face to face | Yes | improve functional fitness, balance and use of community resources | The Modified Fatigue Impact Scale (MFIS) | The Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) |
| Zoerink et al., 2015 USA [70] | Leisure: (golf) | 15-20 minute warm-up period with exercises, goal setting, and risk and safety identification; 30-45 minute golf period with partners golfing one, two, and or three holes with the option to use the driving range and or putting green; and 15-20 minute debriefing period with identification of accomplishments, goal evaluation, and planning for next week. | Face to face | Yes | | Functional Fitness Battery and the Berg Balance Test. | FIM |
