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Conversation treatment for people with aphasia: A Randomized Controlled Trial
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Conversation treatment for people with aphasia provides a way to address individualized goals in the context of naturalistic conversation. Few studies have directly examined the effects of conversation treatment. In addition, the implementation of conversation treatment differs significantly across studies and clinicians. Thus, the critical ingredients of this treatment have not been specified. One fundamental question for any treatment approach is the ideal number of participants. Conversation treatment can be offered in group, dyadic, or individual sessions, but most studies have focused on groups. Group conversation treatment has the potential to improve communication and reduce social isolation, while also reducing medical costs. Larger groups offer increased social support and other benefits, while smaller groups offer participants more conversational turns. I will present results of a randomized controlled trial that investigated the effects of conversation treatment in large and small groups, in order to compare the relative benefits of group dynamics and higher treatment intensity. This work is directly clinically relevant, but also demonstrates how evidence-based principles derived from group process theory and learning theory can be used to generate hypotheses about the efficacy of different treatment formats.

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