More than 86% of people surveyed in the U.S. have never heard the term “aphasia.” Aphasia is a language disorder that impairs the ability to communicate.

One million people in the U.S. are estimated to have aphasia, commonly as a result of stroke. Stroke survivors with aphasia face an increased incidence of post-stroke depression versus stroke survivors with no aphasia.

Aphasia does impact language: listening, writing, reading and speaking

Aphasia does NOT impact intelligence

Tips for better communication with someone with aphasia:

Be patient. Allow extra time for them to communicate and keep it simple.

Use a variety of ways to communicate — writing, facial expressions, speaking, pictures, phone/communication apps.

Communication takes two — be direct and confirm what’s said.