

# Impact Of Training Interventions On Dysarthria And Caregivers Stress: A Comparative Study Of Group And Individual Approaches

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## Abstract

*Patients with stroke often develop dysarthria, an impairment of speech that has a significant influence on their ability to understand spoken language and overall well-being. Caregiver's psychological and emotional well-being suffers as a result of the heavy load it imposes on them. Investigation into both individual and group learning therapies is needed to satisfy the requirements of patients as well as caregivers, as there is a lack of evidence on efficient treatment for the condition within people with stroke. This study aims to evaluate how patients with dysarthria respond to both individual and group instructions and to examine the effectiveness of individual and group training for caregivers of patients with dysarthria post stroke in reducing distress as well as improving their quality of life. This study explores the impact of group and individual training interventions on dysarthria patients and stress reduction, as well as quality of life in caregivers of stroke survivors with dysarthria. Applying a randomized controlled trial design, data was collected from n-60 participants across both groups. One that received group training (n-30) and other that received individual training (n-30). Different tools like dysarthria profile, communicative effectiveness index, communicative participation item bank, speech intelligibility test, general health questionnaire, stroke knowledge test and zarit caregiver burden scale were employed to explore the impact of group and individual training interventions on dysarthria patients and stress reduction, as well as quality of life in caregivers of stroke survivors with dysarthria. Statistical Analysis was carried out to assess the correction's efficacy, comprising the Mann-Whitney U testing.*

*Results indicated that group therapy showed significant improvements in prescribed measuring scales as compared to individual therapy. Overall group therapy yielded better outcomes for both patients and caregivers in managing dysarthria and reducing caregiver stress.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

About 20-30% of stroke survivors will have dysarthria, a disorder that is marked by decreased comprehension as a result of poor synchronization of muscles used for language.(Alam et., al 2014) Loneliness and deteriorating health are two of the many serious consequences that people

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with this illness may face. Variety of problems involving the musculature of the mouth, such as those in the lips, mouth, face, or palates, can lead to dysarthria (Brady et al., 2011). Dysarthria can cause a wide variety of speech problems, including total confusion, stammering, hesitancy, and even clear language that need constant attention and effort to keep up a high standard (Brady et al., 2007). Family members, who frequently shoulder the responsibility of offering comfort and help, are also impacted by dysarthria.

The subjective evaluation of psychological well-being that is shaped by cultural and societal values and health-related quality of life is greatly affected by dysarthria (Mitchell et al., 2017). Dysarthria therapy is designed to be personalized for each patient, taking into account what they require in terms of workouts, instructions, clarifications, approaches, and emotional assistance.

There needs to be more knowledge on successful treatments, ideal starting timings, and appropriate therapy lengths or levels, notwithstanding the fact that dysarthria is common among those who have experienced a stroke (Brady, 2011). Effective treatment is strongly correlated with interventions that are in line with the social norms and goals of the patient group, as demonstrated by Brady when it comes to personalized language and speech therapies for patients after their strokes of dysarthria (Brady, 2011).

The necessity for additional studies and improved approaches is highlighted by the fact that misunderstandings and knowledge deficits can impede involvement in the recovery process (Darley, 1995). Increasing speaking percentage, increasing muscle tissue, increasing breathing, and guiding relatives are all part of managing dysarthria (Johnson et al, 2019).

If the results of conventional speech treatment are inconclusive, the therapist may suggest exploring other forms of interaction, such as motions, images, or technological devices such as computers (Jones et al., 2020). Dysarthria patients can benefit from engaging in weekly, multi-hour social therapies where they can practice communicating with a variety of people, share experiences, and find encouragement in one another (Mitchel et al., 2017).

Concentration on these behavioral components is critical for promotion.

Overall outcomes for patients with dysarthria after a stroke and promoting integrated rehabilitation (Warlow, 2001). Dysarthria sufferers can gain greatly from social activities since they permit them to see other people who understand the sickness and share recommendation on how to cover it.

The goodness in health and happiness constrain addressing the sentimental and hysterical effects of dysarthria on both sufferers and those who help them. Stroke survivors with dysarthria have to face short circle of family on minimal basic living standard (Zarit et al., 1980).

Impacting one's capacity to seek work or join study, these problems may manifest in one's interactions with loved ones and other social activities (Zarit et al, 2014). Despite the effects, dysarthria can have a sub sequential emotional impact on a person's self-esteem, confidence, and mental health (Brady at el, 2007)

Patient can improve their interpersonal skills, get positive advice, and raise their self- esteem in a safe and welcoming environment (Brott., 2009). Additionally, Search that remedial care can help the person in better integrating into society and becoming result oriented members of their communities by facilitating the study of social, neighborhood mobility and the hysterical connections. (Ellis et al C. , 2018)

Discovered that a group of therapies for stroke patients with dysarthria dramatically increase resilience and flexible coping strategies by instilling a feeling of association and consensus and

harmony. Caregivers' health may improve as a remuneration of collaborative dysarthria therapies, gladdening patients.

People with dysarthria can cover target and achieve their goals with the support of this empowerment-focused method, which boosts resilience and flexible coping strategies (Hula et al, 2008). Another advantage of treatment groups for dysarthria sufferers is the possibility for networking and peer support (Locke et al, 2013). Participants can encourage and motivate one another to continue their recovery journey by sharing stories of accomplishment, information, and observations (Liss et al, 2010).

Dysarthria after a stroke have a patience burden that become tension and affects their well-being of sentimental, hysterical, impassioned, and fiscal (Turner et al., 2018). Sought that accompanying person are more likely to suffer from abasement and apprehension when they are in time of trial with the people they are pairing for. In contemplation of particular plans and treatments, it is difficult to know the reason of the burden faced off caregivers.

Patients with dysarthria may suffer less loneliness and discrimination if they participate in therapeutic groups that integrate social systems (Turner et al, 2016) stated that such therapies can help with comprehensive care management and professional team building. Group rehabilitation can fulfill the varied needs of dysarthria patients and their caregivers.

Patients and caregivers living with post stroke dysarthria have complex needs, and group therapy may be an effective way to address these demands. Dysarthria patients and their loved ones can benefit from group therapy for a variety of reasons, including the possibility of more comprehensive rehabilitation and higher quality of life owing to the therapy situation, increased socialization, and the promotion of collaborative problem-solving.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To evaluate how patients with dysarthria respond to both individual and group therapy treatment.
2. To examine the effectiveness of individual and group teaching for caregivers of patients with dysarthria post stroke in reducing distress and improving their quality of life.

## **1. METHODOLOGY**

This study constituted a randomized controlled trial involving (n-60) participants who were randomly assigned into two groups' i.e. experimental group (n-30) and control group (n-30) with an equal distribution of 50% males and 50% females. The research was conducted at Shaikh Zayed Hospital Lahore for stroke survivor patients with dysarthria and caregivers. This setting enabled us to seek out and obtain information from a wide range of dysarthria patients and their caregivers. The 6-month investigation included hiring, treatment execution, and information collection. The (n-60) participant pool included (n-30) patients with dysarthria and (n-30) caregivers. Patients with dysarthria and their caregivers who wanted to participate in the study were recruited utilizing Purposive sampling technique. To guarantee that every single participant was eligible for this study inclusion and exclusion criteria was followed while recruiting these participants. Participants had to be adults (40–70 years old), have a verified diagnosis of dysarthria after a cerebral infarction, and be ready to take function in order to be considered for the study. Caregivers were required to meet specific requirements in order to be included in this research. Participants with severe cognitive decline and caregivers with their private or logistical considerations, or people who had other health issues that could have skewed outcomes were excluded from the study. The collected data were entered and analyzed

using SPSS 20.0. Descriptive statistics, such as mean  $\pm$  SD or median (IQR), were employed based on the normality of the data. For the comparison of scores between the two groups at pre and post-study times and for assessing differences, the independent sample t-test or Mann-Whitney U test was utilized. Additionally, within-group comparisons of pre and post-rehabilitation scores were conducted using the paired sample t-test. A significance level of  $P \leq 0.05$  was considered. The study employed all tools in translation of Urdu language.

### **Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria**

- Older adult Participants aged range (40–70 years) diagnosed with dysarthria after a stroke were included in this study. For caregivers, adults aged 18 years or older, participating voluntarily were included in the study.
- Patients with severe cognitive decline, lack of dedication to participate in study and any co-occurring diseases or disorders that could affect the accuracy of outcome were excluded from the study.

### **Instruments to Measure Impact**

1. **Dysarthria Profile:** The Dysarthria Description, which was created by Robertson and Thomson, is a tool for determining the extent of dysarthria and for managing its therapy.
2. **The Communication Effectiveness Measure:** Mackenzie and Lewit came up with this metric in 2007 to evaluate how well people convey ideas in discussions. It uses an index from 1 to 7. Using a scale from 1 (very inefficient) to 7 (very successful), it offers a thorough evaluation of interpersonal abilities. Ratings are individually computed by evaluating Speech-Language pathologists (SLPs), and when given to recipients, they provide beneficial insights into how well they communicate.
3. **The Communicative Participation Item Bank:** York stone created this instrument so that speech pathologists can measure how much someone's ability to communicate affects their ability to participate in networking. The test measures the difficulties people have communicating in interactions with others and is given prior to and following treatments.
4. **The Speech Intelligibility Test:** This researcher-created informal assessment has 50 words, with a 2 score for each word that is spoken properly. The final result is obtained multiplying the overall amount of proper statements by 100. SLPs' subjective grading guarantees the accuracy of speaking comprehension evaluations.
5. **The General Health Questionnaire:** In 1988, Goldberg and Williams created a survey that measures the condition of an individual in comparison to their expectations of what is considered healthy. It helps to compare present and ideal health stages by providing knowledge of general illnesses through its 12 elements.
6. **The Stroke Knowledge Test:** This exam, which was created in 2004 by Sullivan and Dunton, measures people's experience with stroke. It consists of 20 items, and the evaluations people provide indicate how much they know about stroke.
7. **The Zarit Scale of Caregiver Burden:** The Zarit Burden Interview (ZBI) measures the effect on the caregivers mental health, income, social life, connections with the person receiving treatment, and overall quality of life. Significant associations have been shown between the complete 22-product edition and smaller forms, such as the 12-product and 4-product screen variants. The reliability of the 4-product assessment variant, which is meant for caregiver to self-administer, has been confirmed.

The Urdu language was used to render all tests.

The validity, accuracy, and applicability of the tools utilized for this investigation were

carefully considered. This made sure that the effects of the two individual and group exercises on people with dysarthria and their caregivers were thoroughly examined. During the investigation, moral principles were offered the highest attention. It was made sure that everybody involved was well-informed about the objectives of the research, methods, and any possible dangers or advantages prior to the agreed to participate. Protective precautions were used to ensure that the personal data of the participants with information remained private and undisclosed. Also, everyone involved in the investigation was told they could stop at any moment without any consequences. Moral values set out by Institutional Review Board (IRB) were rigorously followed in this study. All individuals participating in the research had their liberties and safety ensured by establishing these standards.

## RESULTS AND OBSERVATION

The demographic variables of the patients and their caregivers in the study were compared between the two categories. The study's group was defined in Table No. 1, which shows that the median age for patients was 55.33 years (SD = 8.94), and that of caregiver was 44.93 years (SD = 8.52). A closer look at the gender breakdown revealed that individuals (42.9%) and caregiver (28.6%) were overwhelmingly female. In comparison to caregiver, most of them (33.3%) had completed schooling up to the enrollment to advanced levels. Compared to that, the bulk of caregiver (71.4%) was wives. In addition, 61.9% of patients were married whereas 52.4% of caregivers were married, indicating an even split of marriage situations.

Table No. 2 shows that the oversight group consisted of caregivers as well as patients. Participants' median age was 57.13 years (SD = 5.05), whereas caregiver' average age was significantly lower at 32.13 years (SD = 14.37). The distribution of women and men revealed that while there were more men than females among participants (60% vs. 33.3%), a large number of caregiver were females (66.7%). Concerning their level of learning, the majority of individuals (66.7%) had finished elementary school, whereas a large percentage of caregiver (46.6%) had finished high school. By occupation, Unemployment ratio of Caregiver and patient were hired (33.3% vs. 13.3%), unemployment caregiver ratio are high as compare to patients. Caregiver were disproportionately single (66.7% of the total), while Patients were married (60%)

Table No. 1: Experimental Group: Demographic characteristics of Patients and care givers (n=30)

| Demographic Variables | Patients (n=15) | Caregivers (n=15) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Age M(SD)             | 55.33(8.94)     | 44.93(8.52)       |
| <b>Gender</b>         |                 |                   |
| - Male                | 6 (28.6%)       | 9 (42.9%)         |
| - Female              | 9 (42.9%)       | 6 (28.6%)         |
| <b>Education</b>      |                 |                   |
| - Primary to Middle   | 3 (14.3%)       | 3 (14.3%)         |
| - Middle to Matric    | 2 (9.5%)        | 3 (14.3%)         |

| <b>Demographic Variables</b>    | <b>Patients (n=15)</b> | <b>Caregivers (n=15)</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>- Matric to Intermediate</b> | 7 (33.3%)              | 3 (14.3%)                |
| <b>- Intermediate to Degree</b> | 3 (14.3%)              | 6 (28.6%)                |
| <b>Occupation</b>               |                        |                          |
| <b>- Employed</b>               | 1 (4.8%)               | 8 (38.1%)                |
| <b>- Unemployed</b>             | 7 (33.3%)              | 1 (4.8%)                 |
| <b>- Business</b>               | 1 (4.8%)               | 6 (28.6%)                |
| <b>- Housewife</b>              | 6 (28.6%)              | 15 (71.4%)               |
| <b>Marital Status</b>           |                        |                          |
| <b>- Single</b>                 | 2 (9.5%)               | 4 (19.0%)                |
| <b>- Married</b>                | 13 (61.9%)             | 11 (52.4%)               |

Table No. 2: Control Group: Demographic characteristics of Patients and care givers (n=30)

| <b>Demographic Variables</b>    | <b>Patients (n=15)</b> | <b>Caregivers (n=15)</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Age M(SD)</b>                | 57.13(5.05)            | 32.13(14.37)             |
| <b>Gender</b>                   |                        |                          |
| <b>- Male</b>                   | 9 (60%)                | 5 (33.3%)                |
| <b>- Female</b>                 | 6 (40%)                | 10 (66.7%)               |
| <b>Education</b>                |                        |                          |
| <b>- Primary to Middle</b>      | 10 (66.7%)             | 3 (20%)                  |
| <b>- Middle to Matric</b>       | 4 (26.7%)              | 2 (13.3%)                |
| <b>- Intermediate to Degree</b> | 1 (6.7%)               | 7 (46.6%)                |
| <b>Occupation</b>               |                        |                          |
| <b>- Employed</b>               | 4 (26.7%)              | 2 (13.3%)                |
| <b>- Unemployed</b>             | 2 (13.3%)              | 5 (33.3%)                |

| Demographic Variables | Patients (n=15) | Caregivers (n=15) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| - Business            | 5 (33.3%)       | 3 (20%)           |
| - Housewife           | 4 (26.7%)       | 5 (33.3%)         |
| <b>Marital Status</b> |                 |                   |
| - Single              | 6 (40%)         | 10 (66.7%)        |
| - Married             | 9 (60%)         | 5 (33.3%)         |

### Statistical Analysis:

Below Table 3 presents the results of pre-post analysis of experimental group receiving group therapy. Dysarthria profile showed mean score increasing from 224.47(SD=35.51) to 300.00(SD=21.23) Similarly Communication effective measure showed significant improvement with mean score increasing from 13.33 (SD=02.30) to 18.87 (SD=02.61). The Communicative Participation Item Bank indicated mean score increasing from 11.93 (SD=04.66) to 19.73 (SD=04.69). Speech Intelligibility Test mean score increasing from 75.80 (SD=05.00) to 87.93 (SD=05.87). General Health Questionnaire indicated improvement with mean score increasing from 25.20 (SD=02.36) to 27.13 (SD=01.76). Stroke Knowledge Test indicated enhancement with mean score increasing from 05.47 (SD=02.20) to 11.27 (SD=02.23) so results indicated that there is improvement in all measures after group therapy. P-Value in all measures is less than .05 indicating that changes are statistically significant.

**Table No. 3:** Pre-Post analysis of Experimental Group (Group therapy)

| Tools  | Experimental Group<br>GROUP THERAPY |       | U     | P    |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
|  | M                                   | SD    |       |      |
| <b>Dysarthria Profile</b>                        |                                     |       |       |      |
| Pre-assessment                                   | 224.47                              | 35.51 | 8.31  | .000 |
| Post assessment                                  | 300.00                              | 21.63 |       |      |
| <b>Communication Effective Measure</b>           |                                     |       |       | .000 |
| Pre-assessment                                   | 13.33                               | 2.30  | 7.20  |      |
| Post assessment                                  | 18.87                               | 2.61  |       |      |
| <b>The Communicative Participation Item Bank</b> |                                     |       |       |      |
| Pre-assessment                                   | 11.93                               | 4.66  | 11.50 | .000 |

|                                     |       |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| Post assessment                     | 19.73 | 4.69 |      |      |
| <b>Speech Intelligibility Test</b>  |       |      |      |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 75.80 | 5.00 | 2.93 | .001 |
| Post assessment                     | 87.93 | 5.87 |      |      |
| <b>General Health Questionnaire</b> |       |      |      |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 25.20 | 2.36 | 7.79 | .000 |
| Post assessment                     | 27.13 | 1.76 |      |      |
| <b>Stroke Knowledge Test</b>        |       |      |      |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 5.47  | 2.20 | 9.61 | .000 |
| Post assessment                     | 11.27 | 2.23 |      |      |

Table 4 presents the results of pre-post analysis of experimental group having individual therapy. Dysarthria profile showed mean score increasing from 205.07 (SD=6.53) to 252.13(SD=23.74). Similarly Communication effective measure showed from 13.07 (SD=02.60) to 16.80 (SD=02.70). The Communicative Participation Item Bank indicated mean score from 10.73 (SD=04.66) to 14.80 (SD=3.27). Speech Intelligibility Test demonstrated mean score increasing from 79.13 (SD=4.67) to 86.80 (SD=5.08). General Health Questionnaire indicated from 25.67 (SD=2.49) to 28.20 (SD=3.07). Stroke Knowledge Test indicates increasing from 5.87 (SD=2.03) to 10.27 (SD=1.75). Hence, Results indicated that there is improvement in all measures after individual therapy. P-Value in all measures is less than .05 indicating that changes are significant that is: .000

Table No.4 Pre-Post assessment of Control Group (Individual Therapy)

| Tools  | Control Group<br>Individual Therapy |       | U    | P    |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|
|  | M                                   | SD    |      |      |
| <b>Dysarthria Profile</b>                        |                                     |       |      |      |
| Pre-assessment                                   | 205.07                              | 6.53  | 8.33 | .000 |
| Post assessment                                  | 252.13                              | 23.74 |      |      |
| <b>Communication Effective Measure</b>           |                                     |       |      |      |
| Pre-assessment                                   | 13.07                               | 2.60  | 7.17 | .000 |
| Post assessment                                  | 16.80                               | 2.70  |      |      |
| <b>The Communicative Participation Item Bank</b> |                                     |       |      |      |



|                                     |       |      |       |      |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Pre-assessment                      | 10.73 | 4.26 | 3.63  | .003 |
| Post assessment                     | 14.80 | 3.27 |       |      |
| <b>Speech Intelligibility Test</b>  |       |      |       |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 79.13 | 4.67 | 11.26 | .000 |
| Post assessment                     | 86.80 | 5.08 |       |      |
| <b>General Health Questionnaire</b> |       |      |       |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 25.67 | 2.49 | 2.67  | .001 |
| Post assessment                     | 28.20 | 3.07 |       |      |
| <b>Stroke Knowledge Test</b>        |       |      |       |      |
| Pre-assessment                      | 5.87  | 2.03 | 11.34 | .000 |
| Post assessment                     | 10.27 | 1.75 |       |      |

Focusing on average ratings and accompanying p-value values, the table no 5 offers a thorough summary of the statistical examination that compares the effectiveness of group therapy and individual therapy for patients as well as caregivers with dysarthria.

With p-values lower than .001, the Dysarthria Profiles evaluation showed of statistical significance gains both in the group and individual session's treatments. While a person's medical condition saw a somewhat lower rise, going from 205.07 (pre) to 252.13 (post), the group therapy treatment control saw a vital boost, with average scores going from 224.47 (pre) to 300 (post). This difference indicates that the impact of group treatment was more substantial.

The Communicating participation Items Bank and Speech intelligibility Test also showed substantial gains ( $p < .001$ ) for both treatment groups. The potential benefits of group therapy were further supported by the fact that the average scores increased more significantly in the group therapy as compared to the individual sessions.

Also, after the treatment, both treatment groups showed significant enhancements in the health in General Survey ratings (p-values less than .001). In the other treatment circumstance, the average values increased significantly from 25.20 (pre) to 27.13 (post), but in the individual treatment the average values increased somewhat from 25.67 (pre) to 28.20 (post).

In addition, both treatment groups showed statistically noteworthy increases ( $p < .001$ ) in their Stroke Knowledge Results from tests after the treatment. In the group therapy the standard deviation ratings increased significantly, going from 5.47 (pre) to 10.27 (post), while in the individual treatment they score shows from 5.87 (pre) to 10.27 (post).

The data supports the idea that therapies involving combined both individual and group treatment can improve dysarthria results. Substantial rises in average scores and matching p-values suggest those individuals' treatment produces more significant gains throughout various metrics. This point to the possible advantages of group treatment for thoroughly tackling dysarthria-related issues. The results of the statistical evaluation, evaluating the effects of both individual's and groups' educational efforts on individuals who have dysarthria, are presented in Table No. 5.

Table No. 5. Comparative Analysis for Group Therapy and Individual Therapy For patients with Dysarthria

| <b>Tools</b>                                 | <b>Mann-Whitney U Test Results</b>              | <b>Group Therapy</b>                     | <b>Individual Therapy</b>                  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Dysarthria Profile</b>                    | Pre: U = 8.31, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .000  | M = 224.47 (Pre)<br><br> M = 300 (Post)  | M = 205.07 (Pre) <br><br>M = 252.13 (Post) |
| <b>Communication Effectiveness Measure</b>   | Pre: U = 6.50, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .012  | M = 32.60 (Pre) <br><br>M = 40.75 (Post) | M = 30.25 (Pre) <br><br>M = 38.40 (Post)   |
| <b>Communicative Participation Item Bank</b> | Pre: U = 11.50, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .000 | M = 11.93 (Pre) <br><br>M = 19.73 (Post) | M = 10.73 (Pre) <br><br>M = 14.80 (Post)   |
| <b>Speech Intelligibility Test</b>           | Pre: U = 2.93, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .001  | M = 75.80 (Pre) <br><br>M = 87.93 (Post) | M = 79.13 (Pre) <br><br>M = 86.80 (Post)   |
| <b>General Health Questionnaire</b>          | Pre: U = 7.79, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .001  | M = 25.20 (Pre) <br><br>M = 27.13 (Post) | M = 25.67 (Pre) <br><br>M = 28.20 (Post)   |
| <b>Stroke Knowledge Test</b>                 | Pre: U = 9.61, p < .001<br><br> Post: U = .000  | M = 5.47 (Pre) <br><br>M = - (Post)      | M = 5.87 (Pre) <br> M<br>= 10.27 (Post)    |

This table summarizes the results of Mann-Whitney U tests that looked at the impact of different types of treatment and assessment protocol on individuals with dysarthria, anxiety, and the level of existence of those who handle individuals with stroke who also have dysarthria. For every factor, it shows the standard deviation ratings before and after the evaluation, together with the p-values from the Mann-Whitney U test.

A p-value of 0.002 was achieved for the Stroke Knowledge Test indicating a vital distinction comparing the circumstances of a group session and individual therapy. Group treatment had an average score of 8.2 and individual sessions of 6.5 before the evaluation. Therapy in groups showed an improvement in average scores to 9.5 after treatment, whereas individual therapy showed an improvement to 8.3.

A p-value of 0.001 also indicated a statistically significant difference comparing the two treatment groups on the zarit caregiver Burden scale. The average scores from the pre- for individual therapy were 24.5, and the group session was 20.1. All the group and individual treatments showed significant reductions in the burden on caregivers, with post-assessment ratings dropping to 16.7 and 20.2, respectively.

Also, there was a notable difference across the group therapy treatment and individual treatment illnesses, as indicated by the p-value of 0.005 from the General Health Questionnaire's Mann-Whitney U testing. Therapy in groups had a median rating of 26.3 and individual sessions of 28.9. Group session participants showed improvements in general health (scores increased to 29.8), while individual therapy participants showed no change (scores decreased to 26.5) after the evaluation.

Overall, the statistical methods show that after all individual and group therapy actions, there are significant improvements in cerebrovascular expertise, burden on caregivers, and overall wellness. The statistically significant variations in mean scores and p-values show that, on average, group counseling had much better results than customized therapy. Table No 5 displays the outcome of the condensed statistical evaluation that compared the effects of individual and group training strategies on the standard of existence of carers for victims of stroke who suffer from dysarthria.

Table No. 6. Comparative Analysis for Group Therapy and Individual Therapy on Quality of Life in Caregivers of Stroke Survivors with Dysarthria

| Tools                        | Mann-Whitney U Test Results | Group Therapy (Pre) | Group Therapy (Post) | Individual Therapy (Pre) | Individual Therapy (Post) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stroke Knowledge Test        | U = 45, p = 0.002           | Pre: M = 8.2        | Post: M = 9.5        | Pre: M = 6.5             | Post: M = 8.3             |
| Zarit Burden Scale           | U = 38, p = 0.001           | Pre: M = 20.1       | Post: M = 16.7       | Pre: M = 24.5            | Post: M = 20.2            |
| General Health Questionnaire | U = 50, p = 0.005           | Pre: M = 26.3       | Post: M = 29.8       | Pre: M = 28.9            | Post: M = 26.5            |

## 2. DISCUSSION

The sample for the study can be better understood by examining the socioeconomic background of dysarthria patients as well as their loved ones, as shown in the tables that are supplied. Consistently throughout the treatment categories, the average age of the dysarthria participants reflects the wide range of individuals impacted by dysarthria after having a stroke. Dysarthria's patients were more likely to be masculine in the patient's group that gained customized action, although this was not the concern throughout the concern group. Previous studies, gender segregation supports the notion that dysarthria intensity and treatment responsiveness may differ among females. Similarly, the ages and gender composition of caregiver differed across the two groups that received interventions. Research revealed, the most caregivers are female (Yorkston et al, 1990). These concern data highlight worth of people profiles when making dysarthria treatments.

When the Dysarthria Study scores were compared before and after assessment, the Mann-Whitney U test revealed betterment between treatment circumstances (Ones et al, 2017) research discovered that Speech therapist treatments increased articulatory accuracy and linguistic features. (Smith et al, 2015)

Study found that dysarthria-related speech difficulties can be successfully resolved using a combination of counseling approaches.

Both therapies improved participants' capacity to actively participate in conversation. Past research has reveal that concern therapy can assist people with communication disability improved their capacity to talk and engage in social activities (Tremont, 2018). These findings underscore the importance of group therapy in promoting social engagement and practical interpersonal skills.

Speaking potential improved truly in both group and individualized therapy settings. (Lewinsohn et al, 1990). Discovered that linguistic treatments improved the clarity and comprehension of utterances. Therefore, this makes sense. These findings suggest that dysarthria-related speaking production issues can be successfully addressed using a combination of individual and group approaches.

The complete living standard of a life enhance considerably after participation in either the group type of treatment or individual care. Group counseling has been revealed in last studies to develop the hysterical health, living standard of the life, and overall development of people who have faced difficulties during conversation with their parents and sibling members (Chenausky et al, 2011). According to research, linguistic interventions have far-availing benefits that extend beyond growth and development of conversation. (Rich et al, 1995)

The results of these studies indicate that dysarthria recipients and caregivers may benefit from a greater understanding of stroke through individual as well as group therapy techniques. Table findings demonstrate that both collective and individual therapy treatments saw statistically significant modifications in a number of outcomes during the pre-and post-tests. Notably, on the Stroke Knowledge Test, either the combined treatment and one-on-one treatment circumstances showed a statistically significant reduction in comprehension scores from baseline to post-test; however, the group treatment scenario showed a more considerable indicated boost (M = 8.2 to M = 9.5) than the individual treatment (M = 6.5 to M = 8.3). Research shows that instructional treatments delivered in groups can help patients with stroke and their caretakers better understand the causes of the condition and how to prevent future attacks (Long et al, 2009)

The load on caregivers decreased significantly from pre- to post-assessment during the group therapy and individual therapy circumstances, according to the Zarit Burden Scale. However, the decline in the group treatment scenario was more pronounced (M = 20.1 to M = 16.7). Finding of the research indicated the caregiver's of patients with stroke might alleviate some of the load and improve their general health with cooperative assistance services. (Zarit et al, 1998)

In addition, the General Health Interview results show that both therapy conditions lead to better overall well-being from before to after the treatment. However, the group therapy shows a more noticeable decrease (M = 26.3 to M = 29.8) in comparison to the subject's individual therapy (M = 28.9 to M = 26.5). Research showed that people who had long-lasting diseases had better quality of life after participating in group exercises that encouraged cardiovascular activity and interaction with others, lending credence to our current conclusion. (Morimoto et al, 2003)

Survivors of stroke and their family members can benefit from individual as well as group therapies in terms of increasing their understanding of the disease, decreasing the strain on adults, and increasing their health as a whole. (Fava et al, 1998) The possible importance of integrating social-based techniques into complete stroke recovery initiatives is highlighted by the fact that social psychotherapy treatments may provide additional advantages in the areas of understanding, acquiring it, care assistance, and happiness.

### **Conclusion:**

Several measurements of outcomes, such as stroke expertise, the burden on caregivers, and general health results, were found to be improved through both individual and group treatment in the present investigation. Nevertheless, when contrasted with one-on-one procedures, group therapy treatments showed more substantial increases in scores of all tests. To maximize the benefits of therapy and enhance the general health of patients as well as their families, our

results highlight the need to integrate group therapy techniques into thorough dysarthria rehab regimens.

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