

The intent of this study is to assess the perceptions of stuttering of the partners of people who stutter and the person who stutters using a questionnaire, the Overall Assessment of the Speaker's Experience of Stuttering (OASES, Yaruss & Quesal, 2008) and semi-structured interviews. The OASES is a questionnaire that assesses the impact of stuttering on a person's life, along with communication difficulties the person may be experiencing in daily activities. The results of the person who stutters and his/her partner will be compared. Participants will be recruited at the 2012 National Stuttering Association Annual Conference near the registration area. Both the person who stutters and the partner of the person who stutters who agree to be in the study will be asked to fill out a consent form and set up a time to conduct individual interviews with the primary researcher, either at the conference, or through video-conferencing or by telephone after the conference is over. Individual questionnaires will also be mailed to participants to fill out and return in a self-addressed stamped envelope.