

## A/Prof Andrew Wong



A/Prof. Andrew Wong is a Neurologist and Stroke Physician working in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He is the director of Neurology and Stroke at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. His clinical and research interests are focussed on stroke, which was the subject of his PhD. He is also actively involved in education; apart from presenting at local and national meetings, he organises various educational events for Queensland neurology registrars and consultants.

## Dr Bradley Wilsmore



Dr Bradley Wilsmore is currently a Senior staff specialist in cardiology specialising in electrophysiology and Senior lecturer at the University of Newcastle. He is a 2004 Graduate of Sydney University. His junior medical training was performed at Royal North Shore, Gosford, and Royal Brisbane. He subsequently completed a two year Electrophysiology Fellowship at the number one hospital for heart care in the USA, the Cleveland Clinic, which involved all aspects of electrophysiology including ablations, device implants and extractions. His research interests have evolved from conditioning elite athletes during his work at the Australian Institute of Sport, to basic cardiovascular science research (during his PhD), to more clinically orientated research covering a broad spectrum of heart health, arrhythmias and remote monitoring of cardiac devices). More recently his research has focused on electrophysiology procedures, including the first-in-world AF ablation using Electroporation.

## Dr. Anna Balabanski



Anna Balabanski is an early career stroke neurologist and a clinician-academic, having completed a stroke fellowship at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 2019. She is currently working as a stroke neurologist at the Alfred Hospital, the Royal Melbourne and the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine service. Anna is doing a PhD in the epidemiology of stroke in Indigenous Australians and has a particular interest in regional and remote communities.

## Dr. Pablo Garcia Bermejo



Dr. Pablo Garcia Bermejo is an interventional stroke neurologist from the University of Salamanca and Fundacion Jimenez Diaz in Madrid. He completed a Stroke Fellowship at the University of Calgary and an Interventional Neuroradiology Fellowship at Germans Trias I Pujol Hospital in Barcelona. His research interest is focused on neuroimaging aspects of acute stroke endovascular therapies. He is currently working at the INR and Stroke Units of John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle

## Dr Carlos Garcia-Esperon



Dr Carlos Garcia-Esperon is a stroke neurologist and early career researcher at John Hunter Hospital. He undertook his clinical training in Spain, Switzerland and Australia. He has been involved in more than 20 acute stroke clinical trials as co-investigator, published over 30 peer-reviewed journal articles and he finished his PhD at the University of Newcastle under Prof Parsons supervision.

Carlos has presented his research on a number of occasions at the European Stroke Organisation Conference, and locally at the Australasian Stroke Academy and Stroke Society of Australia Scientific Meeting. He has also presented widely in regional and rural centres in NSW on the role of telethrombolysis in stroke management and educating healthcare practitioners in its role in acute stroke treatment. He recently joined the NSW telestroke network.

He has been awarded a number of research grants to support his research work on acute multimodal CT and telestroke. He received the Hunter New England research fellowship in 2020 and his research was finalist in 2018 and 2020 in HNE LHD High Value Healthcare Awards, Health Research and Innovation category. Carlos is also member of the HNE Research Ethics Committee.

# Dr Jonathan Coutinho



Jonathan Coutinho is a stroke neurologist from Amsterdam University Medical Centers, the Netherlands. He attained his PhD in 2014 at the University of Amsterdam and completed a post-doctorate research fellowship at the University of Toronto from 2014-2015. As a staff neurologist at Amsterdam UMC, he combines clinical work with academic research. His research focuses are diagnosis and treatment of acute ischemic stroke, and cerebral venous thrombosis. He has (co-)authored >130 paper in peer-reviewed medical journals. He lives in Amsterdam with his wife and two kids.

# Dr Ferdinand Miteff



Dr Miteff trained as clinical neurologist in Auckland and pursued a career in management of neurovascular conditions, completing fellowships in stroke neurology (Newcastle) and interventional neuroradiology (Sydney). He established the neurointerventional service at John Hunter Hospital in 2012 and been involved in several research aspects of this subspecialty.

## Professor Alan Barber



Professor Barber is a neurologist specialising in stroke and is of Ngati Porou and Whakatohea decent. He graduated from the Otago Medical School and completed his neurology training in Auckland, New Zealand in 1997. He received a PhD from the University of Melbourne in 2000. His thesis examined the role of diffusion- and perfusion-weighted MRI in identifying patients with the potential to respond to acute stroke therapies. He returned to New Zealand in 2001 and established the stroke unit at Auckland City Hospital, which has an active acute stroke therapy program. His research interests include the use of advanced neurophysiology and imaging techniques in stroke. He was appointed the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand Professor of Clinical Neurology in 2008.



## Dr Ben Clissold



Dr Clissold is a stroke neurologist at Monash Health and Barwon Health in Victoria, Australia. He is a graduate of Monash University and has completed his doctoral research in relation to patterns of stroke admissions to Victorian Hospitals using data linkage methods. His current clinical roles include as the head of inpatient services for neurology at Barwon Health in Victoria, one of Australia's largest regional health services. He works in both rural and metropolitan acute stroke services at both Monash Health and Barwon Health, and is involved in providing acute intravenous thrombolysis and endovascular clot retrieval. He is a member of the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network, and is actively involved in clinical trial work including the current EXTEND IV and TASTE thrombolysis trials. He also has ongoing research interests in data pattern recognition and cardiac risk factors for acute stroke and holds honorary fellow / lecturer positions at Monash and Deakin Universities. He recently joined the Victorian Stroke Telemedicine Service.

# Professor Bernard Yan



Professor Bernard Yan is both Neurologist and Endovascular Neurointerventionist in Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia. His clinical expertise is in stroke intervention and aneurysms. Since employment in 2005 at the Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne, Bernard Yan has pursued an academic interest in cerebrovascular disease research. He has published 186 academic papers in peer-reviewed medical journals (SCI) achieving an h-index of 32 with > 7000 citations. He is the principal investigator of several international studies in cerebrovascular diseases including DIRECT-SAFE in which he is the co-principal together with Professor Peter Mitchell. He is the awardee of academic grants by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). His other key research interests include the development of portable mobile wireless sensors for the intensive monitoring of patients with neurological diseases.

# Professor Bernard Yan

He is actively involved in the development of novel microcatheters for the treatment of cerebrovascular diseases. He is also the co-inventor and holder of patent of the Neuroglide microneavigational system. His administrative responsibilities include Treasurer (2014 onwards) of the World Stroke Organization (WSO) and Vice-President of the Stroke Society of Australasia. He is the founding organizer of the Australia and China Training Initiative of Neurology (ACTION) programme. The programme is in its 9th year of operations and has successfully trained over 300 young neurologists from China

# Professor Stephen Davis



Professor Stephen Davis is the inaugural Professor of Translational Neuroscience at the University of Melbourne. He is based at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) where he is the Director of Neurosciences and Continuing Care, Director of Neurology and Director of the Melbourne Brain Centre (MBC) at the RMH. The MBC at RMH is funded a Centre of Research Excellence (CRE) grant from the NHMRC. He is the current President of the World Stroke Organization and Co-Chair of the World Stroke Academy. He is the immediate past-President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists (ANZAN) and a past-President of the Stroke Society of Australasia. He was the first Co-chair of the Australasian Stroke Trials network and has extensive experience in stroke trials. He is the Co-Chair, with Geoffrey Donnan, of Neuroscience Trials Australia (NTA). He is a Consulting Editor for Stroke and on a number of other editorial boards. He has been a trustee of the RMH Neuroscience Foundation since its formation in 1992.

# Professor Stephen Davis

He was given the M.J. Eadie Award in 2004 by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists for career achievements in neuroscience research and the Victorian Health Minister's Award in 2008 for outstanding individual achievement, in the Victorian Public Healthcare awards. He was the 2011 recipient of the William Feinberg Award from the American Stroke Association for excellence in clinical stroke research. He was the 2011 recipient of the Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation medal. In 2012, he has been given the E Graeme Robertson award by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists for career achievements for Neuroscience. He is the joint recipient of a current NHMRC program grant in stroke and the Principal Investigator of the NHMRC grant in Clinical Research Excellence at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. He has co-authored 3 books, numerous book chapters, and over 340 peer-reviewed papers

# Professor Geoffrey A Donnan



Geoffrey A Donnan, MD is Director of The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health and Professor of Neurology, University of Melbourne, Austin Hospital in Australia. He graduated from the University of Melbourne and trained in Neurology at the Austin Hospital followed by post-doctoral positions at the Mayo Clinic and Massachusetts General Hospital.

## Professor Chris Levi



Conjoint Professor Chris Levi is the Director of Clinical Research and Translation - Research Innovation and Partnerships and Co-Director of Acute Stroke Services at John Hunter Hospital, Hunter New England Local Health District. He has a clinical and research passion for improving outcomes of patients who are affected by stroke and Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIA)

## Dr Timothy Ang



Dr Timothy Ang is a vascular neurologist and neurointerventionist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Tim's interests revolve around streamlining and improving access to acute stroke therapies with a breadth of experience innovating in TeleStroke systems of care and retrieval organisation. He also has an interest in the use of novel antiplatelet agents and anticoagulants in combination with endovascular therapies and for the purpose of secondary stroke prevention.



# Professor Neil Spratt



Professor Neil Spratt is the Director of Acute Stroke, Co-director of Neurology and a Senior Staff Specialist in Neurology at John Hunter Hospital. In addition to this he is the Co-director Priority Research Centre for Stroke and Brain Injury at the University of Newcastle; and the Co-director Centre for Brain and Mental Health at Hunter Medical Research Institute.

His research career is focussed on stroke, in particular the translation of laboratory findings into clinical trials and practice. His research interests span the basic science/clinical interface, and include: collateral circulation, role of unrecognised intracranial pressure rise in collateral failure, and novel collateral therapeutics, pre-ambulance triage, telestroke, and novel approaches to stroke recovery.

# Dr Nicole Gerrand

Dr Nicole Gerrand, Manager, Research Ethics and Governance PhD in Philosophy (Medical Ethics), Member of the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law.



Nicole joined the Hunter Area Health Service in 1998 as the Professional Officer (Research Ethics). Since then the position has evolved into the Manager of the Research Ethics. Nicole's goal is to facilitate good ethical research within the Hunter New England Local Health District

Nicole Gerrand has a PHD in Philosophy from the University of Wollongong, her thesis was titled "Body parts of One's Own A Moral Argument for the Ownership of Human Body Parts. She has published articles on embryo research and issues relating to organ donation, and presented papers on these and other topics in medical ethics including Research Ethics and Prenatal Diagnosis. Her current research area is conceptions of disability and identity.

Nicole is also a member of the Research Committee of the Cerebral palsy Alliance NSW.

## Dr Marc Ribo



Marc Ribo (1974), Interventional Neurologist at Hospital Vall d'Hebron. Barcelona  
Stroke Fellowship at University of Texas-Houston (2004-5)  
Major research interest in improving efficacy and access to reperfusion treatments for acute ischemic stroke including pre and in-hospital workflows and the development of endovascular devices and techniques.

## Dr Sophie Dunkerton



Sophie Dunkerton is a Stroke Fellow at John Hunter Hospital. She has completed core Neurology training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

# Dr Richard Ferch



Dr Ferch is a neurosurgeon who commenced private practice in Newcastle in 2003. He has a special interest in spinal surgery. He sees adults as well as children.

Outside of work Dr Ferch enjoys surfing, snowboarding, cycling, bush walking, travel, cooking and spending time with family.

## Dr Liz Holliday



Liz is an Associate Professor of Biostatistics in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle, where she heads the Discipline of Medical Statistics and convenes the Master of Medical Statistics. She serves as a statistical collaborator and advisor to various research groups, academic committees, and government/industry representatives. Her core vision is to promote statistical excellence in medical research. She is actively involved in stroke research, including epidemiological, clinical and recovery studies.

# Dr Angela Dos Santos



Angela is Australia's first and only Aboriginal neurologist. She graduated medicine from the Western Sydney University in 2011. She completed neurology training in 2018 and her stroke fellowship at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 2019. She is currently employed as a neurologist and stroke physician at the Royal Melbourne and Alfred Hospitals. She works on the Mobile stroke unit. She works for the Victorian Stroke Telehealth network as a stroke physician. She teaches First Nations Health to medical students at the University of Melbourne. She does outreach neurology clinics in both Alice Springs and Darwin. She works as a Senior Clinical Research Fellow for the Australian Stroke Alliance and is completing a PhD at the University of Melbourne.

## A/Prof Mark Mackay



Associate Professor Mark Mackay is a paediatric neurologist and director of the paediatric stroke program at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. He is a clinician-scientist Fellow at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne, where he leads the childhood stroke research group. He is a Board member of the International Pediatric Stroke Organization; Executive Committee member of the International Pediatric Stroke Study; Stroke Foundation Clinical Council member; and an invited childhood stroke expert on the Global Burden of Diseases Study.

His research focuses on understanding the causes of and consequences of childhood stroke, and improving accuracy and timeliness of stroke diagnosis. He chaired the development of the Australian best-practice guidelines for the diagnosis and acute management of childhood stroke. He is principal investigator on a multi-centre study to implement a national paediatric code stroke protocol to bridge the gap between Australian children and adults in accessing reperfusion therapies.



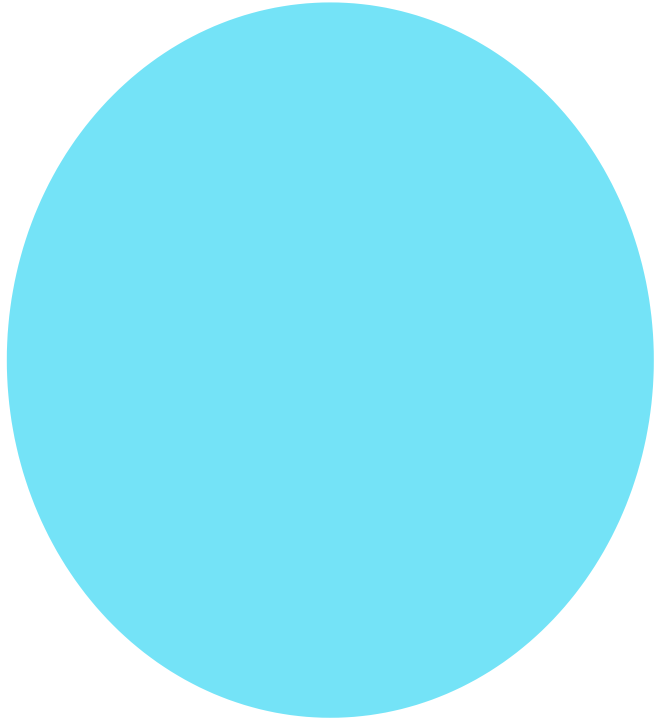
## Dr Clare Tiedeman



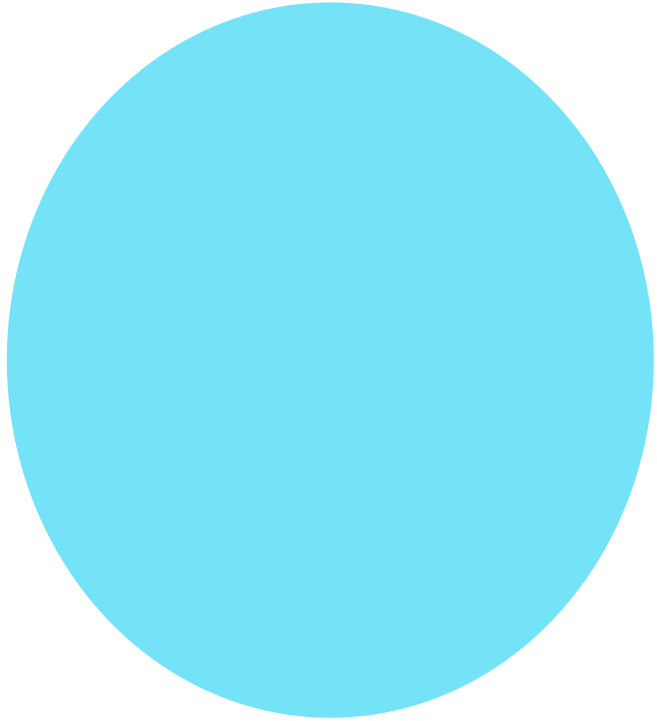
Dr Clare Tiedeman is an advanced trainee in the Hunter New England network. She graduated from the University of Newcastle and completed her core training in hospitals in the Hunter New England area. Since then, Clare has contributed to research on stroke outcomes in indigenous patients in rural and regional NSW.

Her core vision is to improve the care her patients receive through leadership in education and research. She has a special interest in research targeted towards improving the outcomes of her patients in both regional and rural areas.

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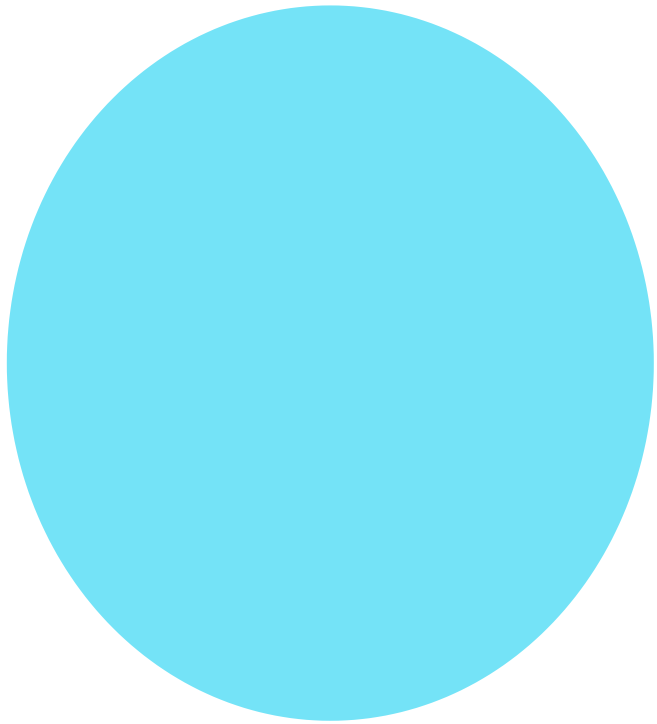


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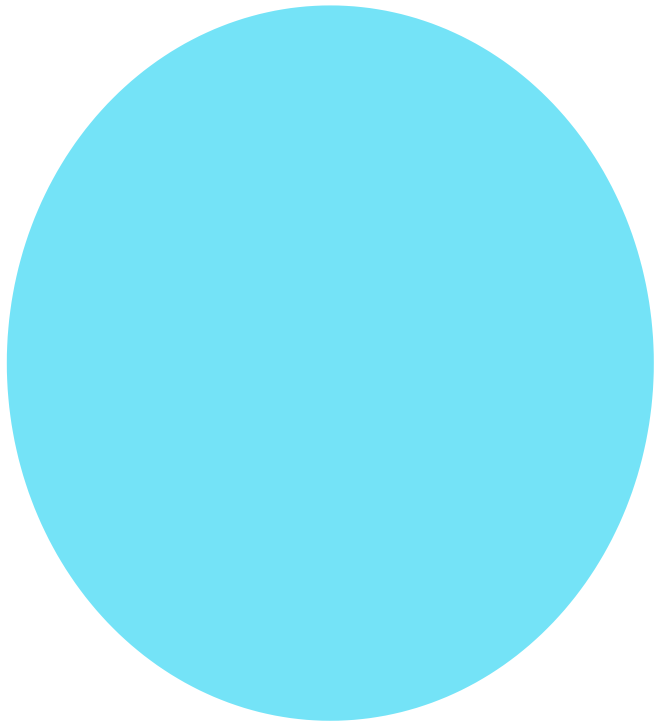
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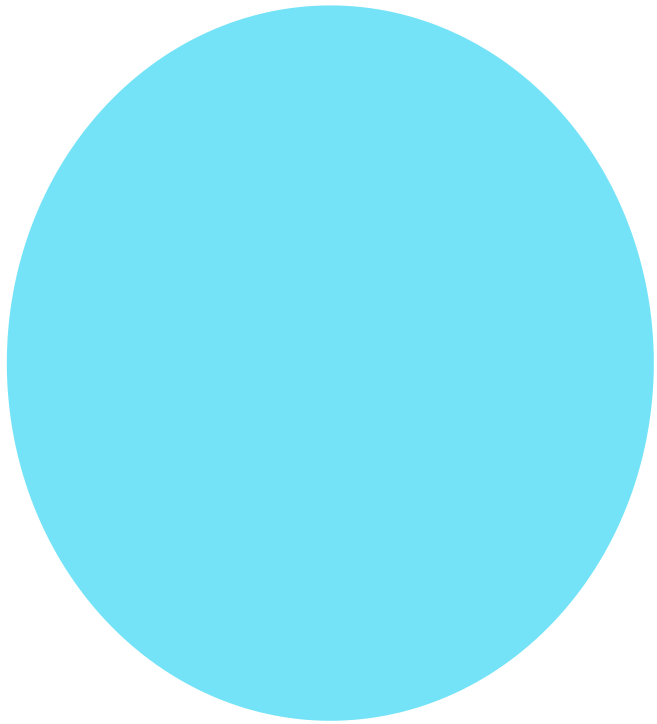
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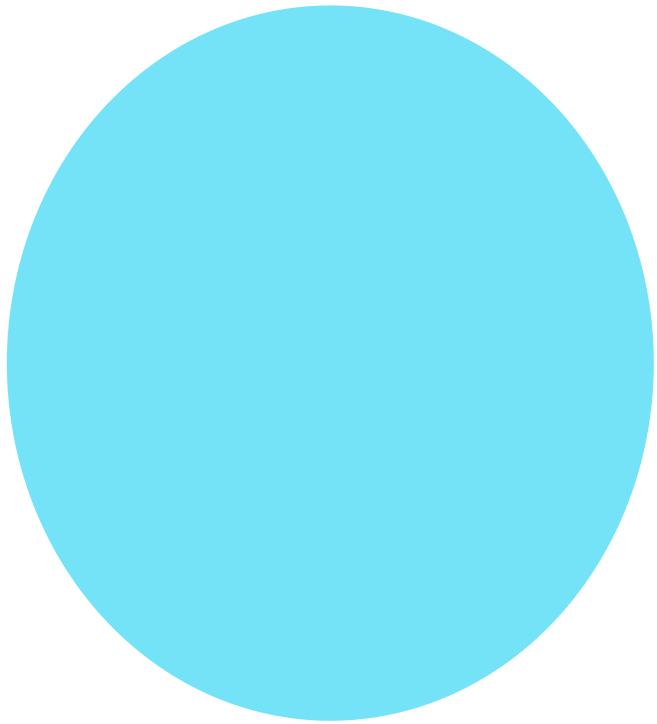
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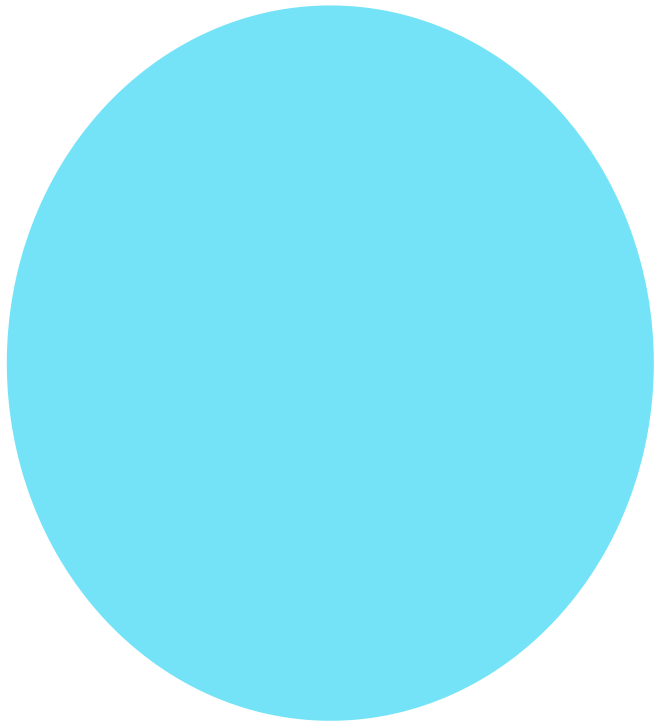
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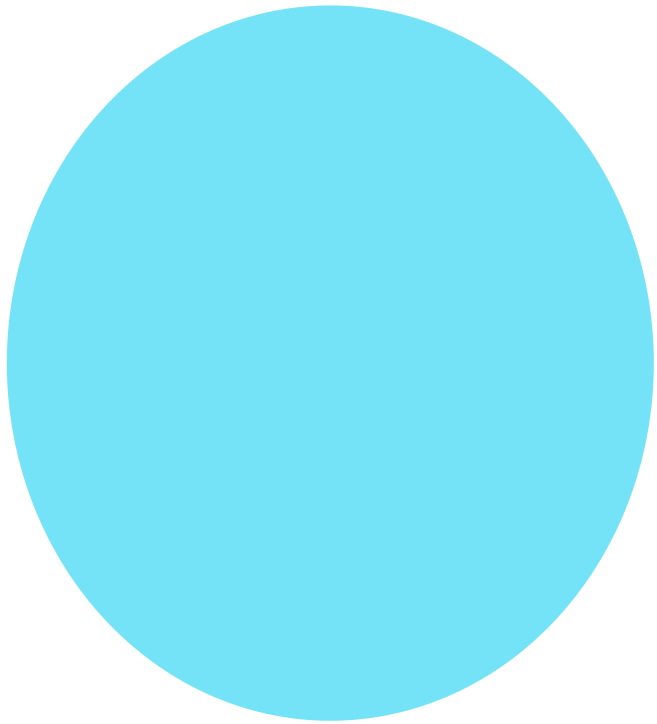
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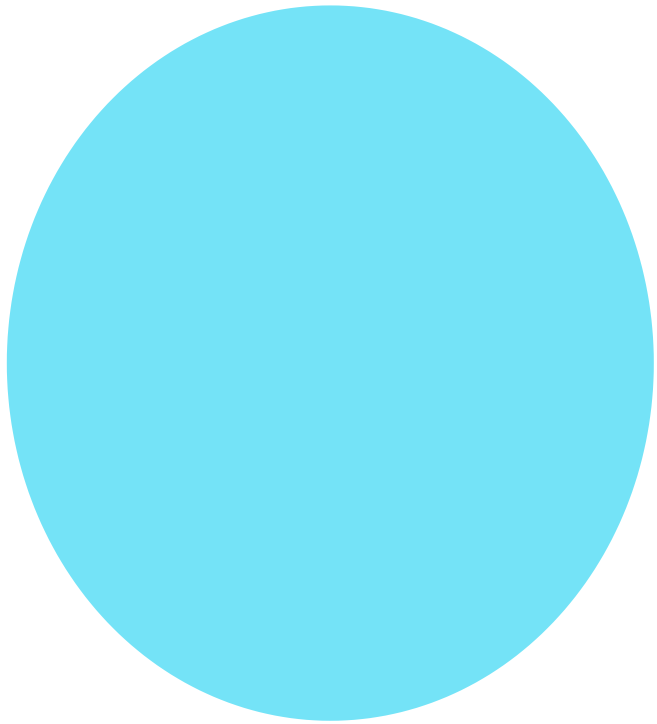
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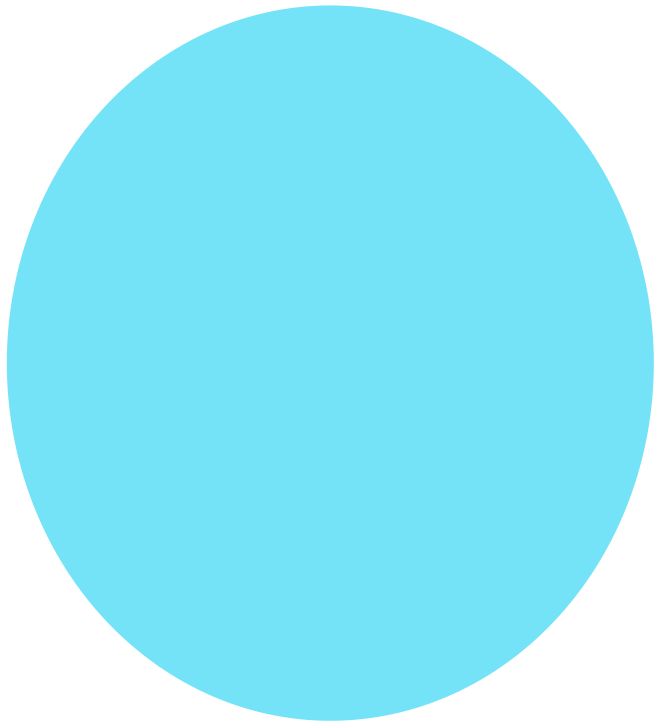
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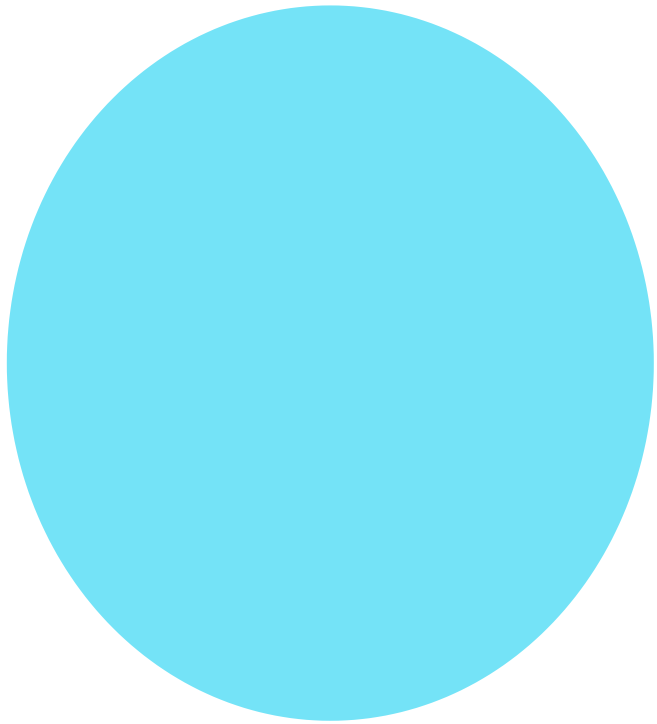
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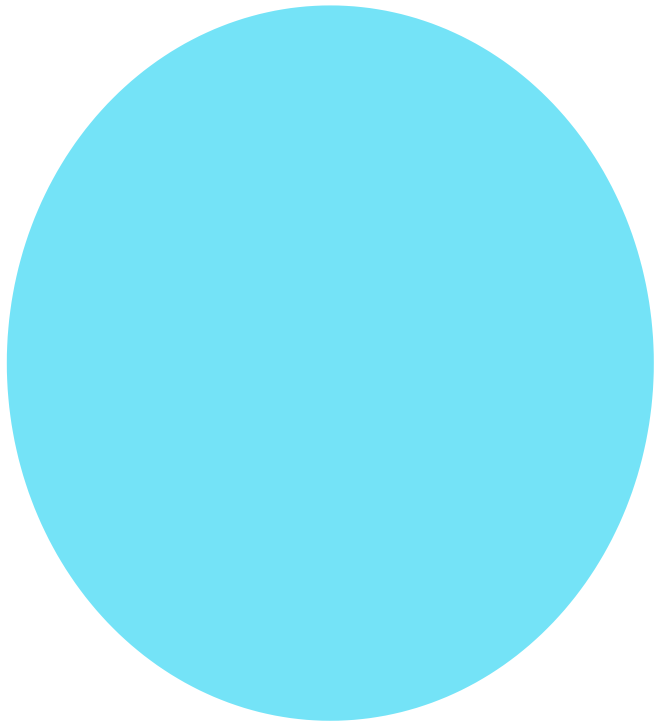
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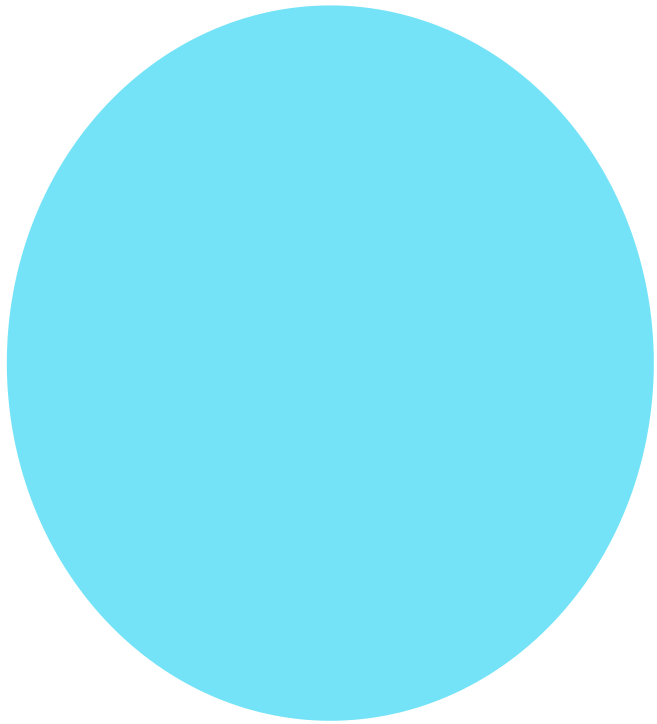
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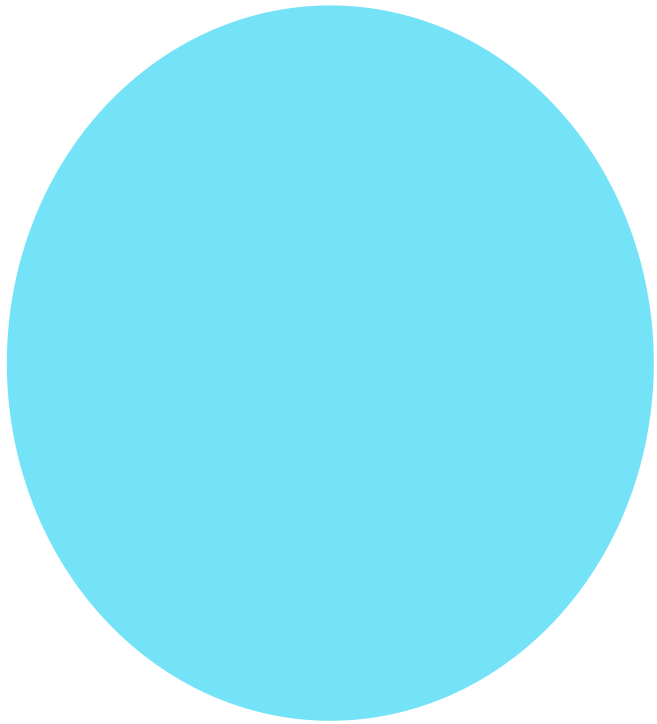
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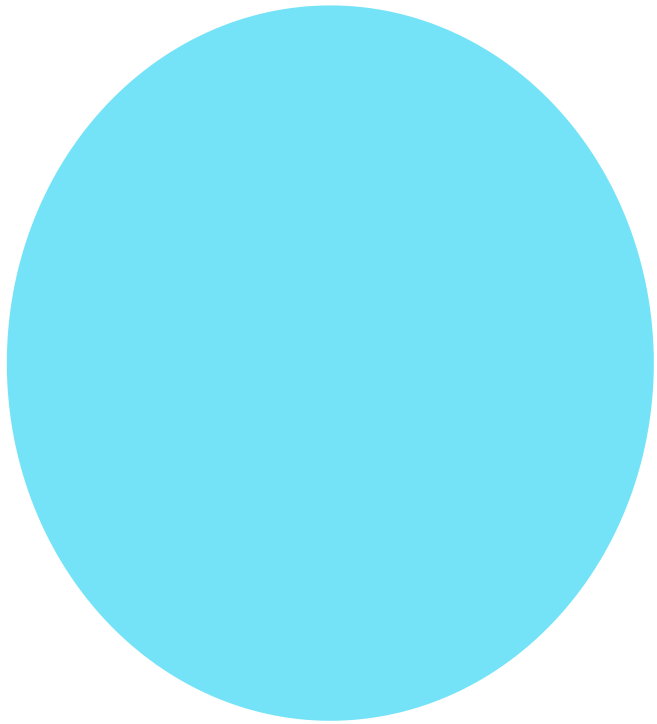
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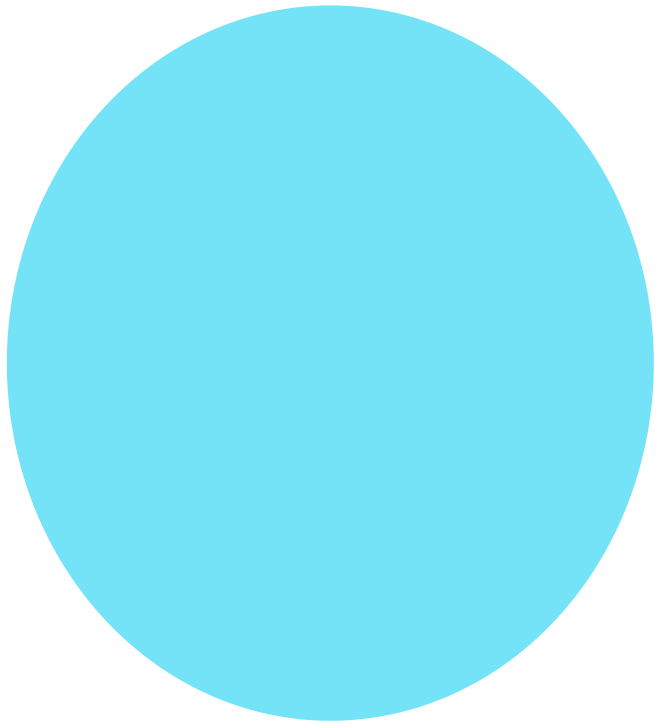
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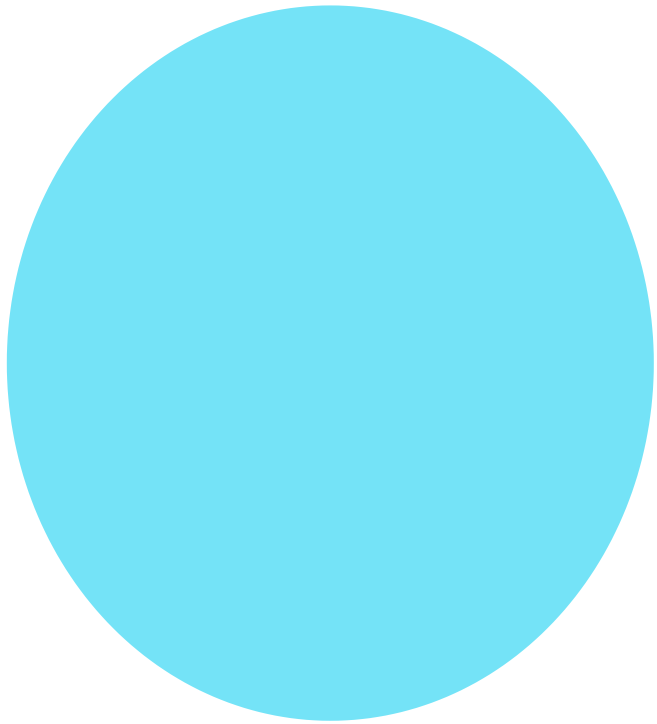
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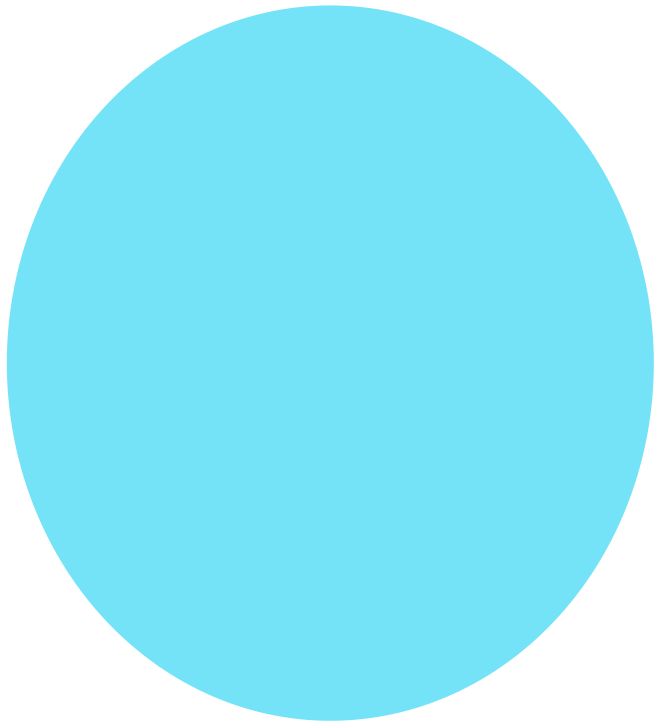
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