

In 2017 actor Timothy Omundson had a right hemisphere stroke. He did a series of interviews taking about his stroke. Below are several of them (there are more, including at least 1 brain injury podcast). Following these are 2 interviews he did prior to his stroke.

In all examples after his stroke, pay attention to how the deficits are not absolute: he can change his prosody, he can adjust his facial expressions; but compared to before his stroke, the ease and extent of modulation as well as the communicative value are different.

## POST-STROKE INTERVIEWS

11/11/2019

- Flat affect, aprosodia - notice it is not absolute; he can adjust his prosody to some extent. Pay attention to differences between linguistic and emotional prosody
- He briefly discusses a possible visual field cut (~3min)
- He talks about his role as a stroke survivor on This is Us ~6:30

[Timothy Omundson on stroke recovery, 'Psych' film, & 'This is Us' role](#)



11/14/2019

- Flat affect, aprosodia – pay attention to the amount of prosodic change in his voice and his timing as he talks and tells jokes
- Possible loss of insight/anosognosia – soon after the stroke he kept getting up & trying to walk despite hemiparesis that caused him to fall each time.

[Timothy Omundson Shares His Inspiring Return To Acting After Having A Stroke](#)



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- Scripted PSA for Centre for NeuroSkills
- Flat affect, aprosodia
- Reduced facial expression

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSADPFATWpY>

09/10/2020

Segment from Psych; Character Carlton Lassiter is recovering from a stroke. Left hemiparesis, mobility issues, apragmatism characterized primarily by reduced facial expression and prosody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGBqQ9dhJA>

12/08/2020

Note fast rate of speech and continued aprosodia (although better than in earlier interviews)

In this interview he talks about cognitive and attentional deficits

[HOW TIMOTHY OMUNDSON IS OVERCOMING HIS STROKE #insideofyou #psych](#)

Longer version here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vfP24uBMgM>

With this one, consider whether you'd diagnose him with apragmatism if this was the only Timothy you knew. Then compare with pre-stroke videos (below).



Also – check out This is Us Season 4, Episode 8 “Sorry”. He plays Gregory, a neighbor who has had a stroke and he mentions how people misinterpret his intentions because of his speech production (aprosodia – but not labeled that way in the show).

## PRE-STROKE INTERVIEWS

04/26/2016

Pre-stroke interview – KPCS

Good representation of his pre-stroke communication & pragmatics. Compare the ease of communication and manipulation of prosody (pitch, loudness, timing) and facial expression before and after his stroke.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfhCQ51uBA8>

04/09/2014

Pre-stroke interview & Psych clips. Good example of his pre-stroke communication, but there are also lots of clips and less time specifically on him

[Psych Season 8 | Interview with Timothy Omundson](#)

