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Health Policy Perspectives

7401090010 Making Functional Cognition a Professional Priority

Gordon Muir Giles, Dorothy Farrar Edwards, Carolyn Baum, Jeremy Furniss,

Elizabeth Skidmore, Timothy Wolf, Natalie E. Leland

The authors describe the opportunities associated with occupational therapists integrating the

construct of functional cognition into their professional practice.

Guest Editorial

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Occupational Therapy Interventions for People With Low Vision

Julie Ann Nastasi

A special section in this issue describes research on occupational therapy interventions for

people with low vision, including systematic reviews of the literature.

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Interventions Within the Scope of Occupational Therapy Practice to Improve

Performance of Daily Activities for Older Adults With Low Vision:

A Systematic Review

Chiung-ju Liu, Megan C. Chang

Low vision rehabilitation that offers multidisciplinary services, including occupational therapy,

was found to be effective in promoting independence among older adults with low vision.

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Occupational Therapy Interventions Supporting Leisure and Social Participation for

Older Adults With Low Vision: A Systematic Review

Julie Ann Nastasi

Evidence supports the use of group therapy, concentrated direct services, and training in low

vision devices to improve social participation among older adults with low vision.

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Occupational Therapy Interventions to Improve Reading Performance of Older

Adults With Low Vision: A Systematic Review

Stacy Smallfield, Jennifer Kaldenberg

A systematic review provides guidance to occupational therapy practitioners for selection and

implementation of evidence-based interventions for reading.

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Evaluating the Measurement Properties of the ScanCourse, a Dual-Task Assessment

of Visual Scanning

Paige Lund, Caitlyn Moir, Lisa Kristalovich, W. Ben Mortenson

The ScanCourse was found to be reliable and valid, supporting its use in practice.

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BRIEF REPORT

Oculomotor Treatment in Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation: A Randomized

Controlled Pilot Trial

Amy Berryman, Karen Rasavage, Tom Politzer, Don Gerber

The results of a randomized controlled pilot trial provide an opportunity for clinicians to consider

the efficacy of oculomotor treatment in inpatient TBI rehabilitation.

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BRIEF REPORT

Dynavision Normative Data for Healthy Adults: Reaction Test Program

Cherie Blackwell, Kathy Cary, Kami Holst, Kristen Mandle, Lori Dryg, Susan Clemens,

Jon H. Lemke, Sarah Castro, Emma Hendricks, Ryan Kelly

The authors identify normative standards that can be added to the battery of other common measures used to assess visual and cognitive deficits in evaluation of clients with visual and cognitive deficits after brain injury.

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Research Articles

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Effectiveness of a Tailored Intervention for Women With Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and ADHD Symptoms: A Randomized Controlled Study

Sharon A. Gutman, Sheetala Balasubramanian, Maya Herzog, Elizabeth Kim, Hannah Swirnow, Yudis Retig, Samantha Wolff

Among women with ADHD, a 7-wk tailored intervention was found to reduce perceived stress and ADHD symptoms and enhance perceived performance of and satisfaction with desired occupational roles and activities.

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Measuring the Efficacy of Occupational Therapy in End-of-Life Care: A Scoping Review

Janice Kishi Chow, Noralyn Davel Pickens

The authors suggest how occupational therapy can better support occupational therapy practice and research with people who are terminally ill.

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Cortical Plasticity in Rehabilitation for Upper Extremity Peripheral Nerve Injury: A Scoping Review

Patrick J. Zink, Benjamin A. Philip

The authors review current knowledge about how the brain changes after PNI and how occupational therapy practitioners can take advantage of those changes for rehabilitation.

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Play in Children With Life-Threatening and Life-Limiting Conditions: A Scoping Review

Zainab A. Jasem, Anne-Sophie Darlington, Danielle Lambrick, Jani Grisbrooke, Duncan C. Randall

Participation in play for children who live with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions was found to be important to their health and well-being and can be achieved by targeting the various environmental factors that shape their play.

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Evidence-Based Practice Implementation in Stroke Rehabilitation: A Scoping Review of Barriers and Facilitators

Lisa A. Juckett, Lauren R. Wengerd, Julie Faieta, Christine E. Griffin

The authors identify common barriers to implementation of evidence-based practice and highlight strategies to improve implementation efforts in stroke rehabilitation.

7401205060

Clinical Utility of Multisensory Environments for People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: A Scoping Review

Lauren Breslin, Nichole Guerra, Lori Ganz, David Ervin

MSEs were found to be a potential tool for occupational therapy practitioners to support clients with IDD who have sensory sensitivities.

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Preliminary Test of the Potential of Contact With Dogs to Elicit Spontaneous Imitation in Children and Adults With Severe Autism Spectrum Disorder

Karine Silva, Mariely Lima, Carla Fafiães, Jorge Sinval, Liliana de Sousa

Results of the research suggest potential benefits from integrating dogs into interventions aimed at promoting social motivation and enhancing imitation skills in people with ASD.

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Identifying Aspiration Among Infants in Neonatal Intensive Care Units Through Occupational Therapy Feeding Evaluations

O. Jayne Bowman, Joseph L. Hagan, Rose Marie Toruno, Mitzi M. Wiggin

Occupational therapists who work in the NICU are in the position to take a health promotion and risk prevention approach by identifying and treating aspiration in at-risk infants and by educating caregivers.

Columns

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THE ISSUE IS . . .

A Narrative Phenomenological Approach to Transformative Learning: Lessons From Occupational Therapy Reasoning in Educational Practice
Hiba Zafran

Transformative learning is conceptualized from the perspective of narrative phenomenology in occupational therapy.

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BRIEF REPORT

Changes in Occupational Roles and Common Mental Disorders in Mothers of Children With Congenital Zika Syndrome

Monique Carla da Silva Reis, Aline Carla Araújo Carvalho, Carolina Santos Souza Tavares, Victor Santana Santos, Hudson P. Santos, Jr., Paulo Ricardo Saguete Martins-Filho

The loss of paid work was found to be associated with poor mental health among mothers who have children with congenital Zika syndrome.

7401345020 BRIEF REPORT

Nurturing the Prepared Mind: Research During Level II Fieldwork

Tera A. Richards, Sara Clark, Stephanie J. Dapice Wong, Helen S. Cohen, Susan L. Garber

The article describes the barriers to student participation in research activity during Level II fieldwork and the types of research activity in which occupational therapy students participated during a 12-wk rotation.

Evidence-Based **Practice**

7401390010 EVIDENCE CONNECTION

Occupational Therapy Interventions for Productive Aging Among Community-**Dwelling Older Adults**

Stacy Smallfield, Sharon J. Elliott

A case example of an older adult who was referred to outpatient occupational therapy because of chronic back pain from herniated disks illustrates application of evidence to practice.