



Call for Papers

Special Issue on Research on the Effect of COVID-19 Relating to Occupational Therapy

What is the role of occupational therapy in this new reality of the COVID-19 pandemic causing physical and psychological illnesses, severe economic loss, death of loved ones, interrupted social contacts, isolation, and unexpected changes in normal routines and occupations?

This Special Issue will include relevant manuscripts covering a wide range of topics relating to changes to health care around the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Suggestions for potential topics include, but are not limited to: telehealth (needs assessment, outcomes of treatment, priorities that can be met online); research in development of a new conceptual model related to the pandemic; cultural responses to the pandemic; impact of sheltering in place on mental health; impact of the pandemic on providing occupational therapy to people with disabilities; challenges of parenting in the pandemic environment; societal impact of COVID-19 on minority populations and/or people with disabilities; effect of facial masks on social interaction experience; unmet social needs associated with social distancing (e.g., the need to touch); challenges to engaging in previous occupations; adaptation of occupations to maintain engagement with others; impact on continuance of occupational therapy education and fieldwork; methods of coping with isolation and unexpected disruption of vulnerable occupations; appreciation for health maintenance and preventing illness; coping with the death of a relative; interruptions in leisure activities; return to the basic occupations due to food shortages (e.g., baking bread, making butter, making noodles, exploring recipes, etc.); value of time with family; impact of volunteerism; fears associated with hoarding behaviors; developing new occupations when former occupations are restrictive; unexpected homelessness of displaced families; stress related to job loss; and reasons for non-adherence to national or state mandates to protect one's health and that of the population.

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