Dear Colleagues,

The unbelievable events in Japan over the past few weeks have increased our awareness of the environment, and how important it is to our well-being. We all share in the hope that the Japanese people can overcome the profound effects of the devastating earthquake and Tsunami and soon experience their more typical routines.

When it comes to environments and routines, occupational therapy is unique among professions in emphasizing the role of the environment in supporting everyday performance. Environment and context are central features of decision-making for intervention, and the toolkit used by therapists is replete with documented approaches to enhancing performance through environmental modification and adaptation.

This month's Research Resources focuses on these issues. Our Wilma L West library staff have assembled some outstanding information that we hope will be of interest to you. As always we welcome your suggestions on ways we can make this monthly publication more useful and relevant to you. Thanks for being a subscriber.

Sincerely,

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Wilma L. West Library Resource Notes

Universal Design and Environmental Modification

Occupational therapy practitioners are well aware of the environment's impact, tangible or intangible, on our performance of activities and on our engagement in occupations or society. Two official documents of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) address this aspect of practice, Occupational therapy's perspective on the use of environments and contexts to support health and participation in occupations, (AOTA, 2010) and specialized knowledge and skills in technology and environmental interventions for occupational therapy practice, (AOTA, 2010). AOTA also offers a specialty certification in the area of Environmental Modification.

On March 23, 2011, the author retrieved 256 citations published since 2000 from OT SEARCH on this topic by using the subject headings ARCHITECTURAL ACCESSIBILITY, ENVIRONMENT DESIGN, ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, INTERIOR DESIGN AND FURNISHINGS, and FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION and the words "universal design." With the exception of ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, searchers may use the same subject headings in PubMed, as well as entering the words "universal design", since it is not yet a Medical Subject Heading (MeSH). http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html
For the purpose of this brief *Research Resources* note, we offer a sample of articles highlighting different aspects of the topic.

- Facility Design and Construction - (Catlin, 2008).
- Fall prevention - (Pighills, et al, 2011)
- Interprofessional relations - (Gristbrooke & Scott, 2009; Joines, 2009 and Nord, et al, 2009)


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AOTF Events at the AOTA Conference, Philadelphia, April 13-17, 2011

Tickets can be purchased onsite.

Pre-conference Institute -- Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 pm-6:30 pm (AOTA/AOTF) Blending Quantitative and Qualitative Research: An Overview of Mixed Methods Research

Doctoral Network Reception and Annual Meeting -- Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm, Research Priorities and Where You Fit In

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL): Pathway to Evidence-Based

Conference Announcements

3rd Annual Health Literacy Research Conference (HARC III) (October 17-18, 2011, Chicago, Illinois)

HARC III is an interdisciplinary meeting dedicated to health literacy research. The deadline for submissions is June 10, 2011. The themes of the conference this year are health disparities and health quality. The conference will include several overlapping activities with the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH), the largest annual gathering of researchers, educators and administrators focusing on improving communication in healthcare.

Resilience: new intervention perspectives on rehabilitation (April 27-28, 2011 Montreal, Quebec)

Professionals and administrators from the healthcare and education sectors, researchers and students, professionals and representatives from various associations who work with users of healthcare services and their loved ones.

5th Annual i-CREATe (July 21-23, 2011 Bangkok, Thailand)

The International Convention on Rehabilitation Engineering & Assistive Technology has a Student Design Challenge (entries due May 1, 2011) which will focus on the creative, innovative and systematic application of technologies and engineering methodologies to meet the needs of people with disabilities and help improve their quality of life in areas which include education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living, and recreation.

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2011 IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Research Released

The updated Strategic Plan, created by the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) and the Office of Autism Research Coordination (OARC), contains 16 new research objectives covering a variety of issues, including use and accessibility of interventions for non-verbal people with ASD, health promotion for people with ASD, and issues related to safety for people on the spectrum.

Ten Year Anniversary of the NIH Autism Listserv

The NIH Autism Listserv was designed to facilitate distribution of NIH communications to the autism community. The various institutes that support autism research regularly post the latest information regarding research news, publications, grants, RFAs/PAs, and other autism-related activities.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Proposes to Update Rules Allowing Accessibility to Advanced Communications

The FCC has issued three Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRMs). These NPRMs address the accessibility of video programming; advanced communications services (text messaging, video chat and Internet phone
Education -- Thursday, 12:30-3:30 pm
Andrea Bilics, John White

17th Annual Breakfast with a Scholar -- Friday, April 15, 2011, 7:30 am - 9:00 am
A Conversation about Moral Courage -- Ruth Purtilo, PhD, PT, FAPTA

Research Colloquium and Tea Honoring Pi Theta Epsilon -- Friday, April 15, 2011, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sensory Processing Disorders in Occupational Therapy: Mapping Pathways of Understanding from Cages to Clinics to Communities
Moderator: Shelly Lane, PhD, OTR, FAOTA.

2011 Foundation Gala: Dancing With the Stars (Philly-style) 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Grants, Fellowships, and Education Opportunities

Applications Sought: Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) issued two Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for new opportunities under its Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERTs). The CERT Forum seeks applications for the establishment of a Scientific Forum (CS Forum) with the primary goal of ensuring research synergy and collaboration among the CERTs Research Centers with each other and with stakeholders and partners in the larger therapeutics research and education community. AHRQ anticipates awarding one award of up to $900,000 total costs per year for 5 years. Letters of intent are due April 20, 2011; applications are due on May 18, 2011.

AOTF Institute Image of the Month

From the Archives of the AOTA, housed in the AOTF Wilma L. West Library.
Occupations of Older Adults: A Cross Cultural Description
Gunilla M. Eriksson, OT (Reg.), PhD; Jenny C. C. Chung, OTR, PhD; Lim Hua Beng, OT, MOccThy, BAAppSc(Hons)(OT); Adina Hartman-Maeir, OT, PhD; Eunyoung Yoo, OT, PhD; Elsa M. Orellano, PhD, OTR/L, ATP; Fenna van Nes, MSc OT; M. Carolyn Baum, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

The Relationship Between Behaviors Associated With Sensory Processing and Parental Sense of Competence
Ellen Cohn, ScD, OTR/L, FAOTA; Teresa A. May-Benson, ScD, OTR/L; Alison Teasdale, BSc

Overhead view of the exhibit hall at the AOTA Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1937.

The AOTF Institute makes this image, as well as the Guide to the Archives of the AOTA, available publicly as part of its mission to honor the past and be the best possible steward of the unique body of knowledge that is occupational therapy. To this end, the AOTF Institute warmly welcomes individuals from within and beyond occupational therapy to explore the guide and use the archives for purposes of research, education, and leadership.

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