Pathfinder for Multiple Sclerosis

Introduction to the topic

Multiple sclerosis is “a demyelinating disease marked by patches of hardened tissue in the brain or the spinal cord and associated especially with partial or complete paralysis and jerking muscle tremor.” (Retrieved from http://www.merriam-webster.com/medlineplus/multiple%20sclerosis on March 28, 2013.)

Online databases

Suggested subject terms to use in searching are multiple sclerosis, autoimmune diseases, demyelinating disease, neurodegenerative disorders, and chronic disease.

MedlinePlus®
Health information for patients, families and health care providers. Also in Spanish. Access to this government-supported database is free.

OT SEARCH
OT Search contains over 40,000 citations for occupational therapy literature and related subject areas dating from the early 1900’s. Citations may include links to full-text content. It is a subscription-based service.

PubMed/MEDLINE
PubMed comprises more than 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites. Access to this government-supported database is free.

Reference resources (print and electronic)

ClinicalTrials.gov
ClinicalTrials.gov offers up-to-date information for locating federally and privately supported clinical trials for a wide range of diseases and conditions.


This publication from the World Health Organization and the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF) presents evidence on the global epidemiology of multiple sclerosis and the resources to diagnose, treat, rehabilitate, support and provide services to people with MS. It summarizes information from 112 countries, representing 88% of the global population, thus can be considered as the leading global assessment on multiple sclerosis.--Publisher’s description.

National Guideline Clearinghouse
NGC is a public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines

Associations, Foundations, and Organizations

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
Multiple Sclerosis International Federation
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Image, video or podcasts

Interactive tutorial about multiple sclerosis

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Multiple Sclerosis Information (MSi) On-Demand Videos, Webinars, and Webcasts.

American Occupational Therapy Association and American Occupational Therapy Foundation

AOTA Fact Sheets on the Role of Occupational Therapy

Bondoc, S & Siebert, C. The role of occupational therapy in chronic disease management.

Evidence Brief Series
Multiple Sclerosis

Practice Guidelines Series


Using evidence-based perspective and key concepts from the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework, this guideline provides an overview of the occupational therapy process for people with neurodegenerative diseases. It
defines that process and the nature, frequency, and duration of intervention that occurs within the boundaries of acceptable practice with clients with multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Parkinson’s disease.

**Articles on the role of occupational therapy and multiple sclerosis**


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