Pathfinder for Cerebral Palsy

Scope

The purpose of the pathfinders created by the staff of the Wilma L. West Library is to provide occupational therapy practitioners and students, as well as consumers, starting points from which to begin to do research about a topic. A pathfinder is not a comprehensive listing of available resources but a guide to specific and reliable sources of information.

Introduction to the topic

Cerebral Palsy: (noun): a disability resulting from damage to the brain before, during, or shortly after birth and outwardly manifested by muscular incoordination and speech disturbances—see ATAXIC CEREBRAL PALSY, ATHETOID CEREBRAL PALSY, SPASTIC CEREBRAL PALSY (Retrieved from Merriam Webster Medical Dictionary on November 8, 2011 http://www.merriam-webster.com/medlineplus/Cerebral%20Palsy)

Online databases

Suggested subject terms to use in searching are Cerebral Palsy.

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 41,000 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
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.

REHABDATA Database
REHABDATA, produced by the National Rehabilitation Information Center, is the leading literature database on disability and rehabilitation. The database describes over 70,000 documents covering physical, mental, and psychiatric disabilities, independent living, vocational rehabilitation, special education, assistive technology, law, employment, and
other issues as they relate to people with disabilities. The collection spans 1956 to the present.

**Reference resources (print and electronic)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Facts about Cerebral Palsy.*

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.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. *Cerebral Palsy: Hope through Research.*


**Associations, Foundations, and Organizations**

Cerebral Palsy International Research Foundation

United Cerebral Palsy Associations

**Image, video or podcasts**


**Relevant Official Documents of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.**

*Guidelines for Occupational Therapy in Early Intervention and Schools* (2017)

*The Practice of Occupational Therapy in Feeding, Eating, and Swallowing* (2017)

*Complex Environmental Modifications* (2015)

*Occupational Therapy’s Perspective on the Use of Environments and Contexts to Facilitate Health, Well-Being, and participation in Occupations* (2015)

*Physical Agent Modalities* (2012)

*Telehealth* (2013)

**Selected articles on the role of occupational therapy**


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