Measurement of occupational participation

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Hi everyone

I have recently had a discussion on ‘Researchgate’ (a network focusing on science and research) regarding measurement and documentation of participation (in the process of rehabilitation). I suggested using some of the MOHO based tools (MOHOST, OSA and OCAIRS). This prompted some debate on whether these tools measure ‘occupational performance’ or ‘components of participation’ or ‘measured participation’. Can anyone offer some clarity?

Janet

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Hi Janet,

It would be good to hear the authors opinions on this. We are currently looking at researching within our field of forensic mental health, and I am curious as to the cause of the debate? Was it prompted by the question of which research methods to use?

Also, as someone interested in getting more involved in research, could you tell me more about ‘Researchgate’?

Thanks,
Mike.

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HI Mike

Research gate is like an international social networking site for researchers – I have only just joined so I’m unsure as to its scope. I know that it is a way that you can collaborate with others, share papers and become involved in discussions with other researchers. The link is here: (http://researchgate.net/)
The discussion in question centred on a query that someone made regarding finding an instrument to measure participation planning and documentation in the process of rehabilitation, with a particular focus on the implementation of the ICF into the clinical routine of medical rehabilitation. (although the dialogue then turned to the topic of what is participation!)

Good luck with your research plans – if you need support on research methods I’m sure there will be some great suggestions come from the listserv – would be worth a new thread in its own right

Janet

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Thanks Janet, I’ll have a look into the group.

We’re currently aiming to do a Service evaluation initially. We then plan to progress through to using the MOHOST data we have been collecting to carry out some research. I would be interested to gain feedback from the listserv on this – what are others experience in this area?

Thanks,
Mike.

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Dear all:

These assessments measure occupational participation in different ways. MOHOST does it through measuring the impact that components of occupational participation have on IT, OSA does measure competence of different components of occupational participation from the point of view of the person (through self assessment) and OCAIRS gives an overview of occupational participation from an interview with people.

Occupational performance is directly measure through AMPS and ACIS, (and we observe how habits of performance, habits of style influence on it).

MOHOST includes an overall measure of occupational skills in terms of its impact on occupational participation.

If you need more clear response, ask me whatever you need...

Big hug
Carmen Gloria de las Heras
July 5, 2012

Hi Janet,

The measurement of participation is a hot topic in research since the development of the ICF. Some of these articles will give you information about the types of measures in use and the gaps in knowledge about measurement.

Hope that helps a bit
Rayya


