



WORK: A Journal Of Prevention, Assessment And Rehabilitation: 20 Years Of Global Contributions To WORK And Occupational Therapy

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Background:

2010 marks the 20th anniversary of WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment and Rehabilitation (IOS Press, The Netherlands). The aim of WORK is to be an international and interdisciplinary journal that provides research on work-related prevention, assessment and rehabilitation. WORK is part of occupational therapy's unique history and international efforts in the generation of knowledge about the occupation of work. In honor and celebration of this achievement, a historical reflection on the sociology of knowledge in this journal overall and in particular relevant to occupational therapy, as well as to the advancement of concepts and evidence currently used in occupational therapy globally was undertaken.

Results:

The 1000+ articles published in WORK reflect the three thematic accordances of WORK and a breath of different research approaches.

Articles

Prevention N=278

Assessment N=281

Rehabilitation N=421

Paper Accordance

339 Quantitative Studies

104 Qualitative Studies

54 Mixed Methods

281 Conceptual Papers

81 Case Studies

86 Program Description

Approach:

Systematic, scoping, and historical reviews of the articles in WORK, spanning the years 1990-2010, were conducted to analyze occupational therapy's role and contribution to knowledge generation and dissemination (Arksey & O'Malley, 2005; Davis et al, 2009; Holden et al, 2005; Rosenberg, et al, 2005). Significant trends and epistemological shifts in the research and knowledge base were identified. In addition, reflections on the findings from these reviews were conducted to examine the impact of WORK on current and future occupational therapy practice and research globally.

Conclusions:

For twenty years occupational therapy researchers and clinicians have demonstrated a commitment to the ongoing development and dissemination of evidence and knowledge to inform work practice through publications in WORK. WORK, in turn has afforded occupational therapy practitioners with an international forum and an interdisciplinary space to exchange knowledge and evidence promoting the health, well-being, comfort, safety, and productivity of people who work or are resuming employment.

OT contribution to the knowledge base:

Occupational therapy has made a significant contribution to the generation of knowledge relevant to multiple stakeholders and other disciplines in the realm of work. Articles published in WORK are across the lifespan; for example, viewing children as workers in their role as students.

<p>Access to work Employment services for people with disabilities in Scotland</p> <p>Work (1995), 5, 1. Joanne Pratt</p>	<p>Hindering the work of the child: a perspective on orphanages</p> <p>Work (1996), 7,1. Elise S. Gilbert</p>	<p>Does fatigue influence children's handwriting performance?</p> <p>Work (1998), 1, 3. Shiva Dasab; Vened Pindak; Jan Hahn; Markowitz; Tal Mazor-Karsenty</p>
<p>A study of well-being among a population of Swedish workers using a job-related criterion-referenced multidimensional vocational assessment.</p> <p>Work 2000, 14, 1. I. Soderback, K. Jacobs.</p>	<p>Disability management and functional capacity evaluations: A dynamic resource.</p> <p>Work, 2001 16, 1. Janalee Reineke</p>	<p>Strategies used when conducting work-related assessments.</p> <p>Work, 2002, 19, 2. E. Innes, S. Leon</p>
<p>Consumer participation in the employment rehabilitation process</p> <p>Work, 2004, 23, 3. L. Shaw, J. MacKinnon, C. McWilliam, T. Summison</p>	<p>Reproducibility of a task description questionnaire for working pregnant women.</p> <p>Work, 2006 26, 4, . P. Cheng, G. Dumas, J. Smith, A. Lezer, A. Flamondon, A. M. McGrath, J. Trimmer</p>	<p>Predictors of employment for young adults with developmental motor disabilities.</p> <p>Work, 2008, 31, 4. J. Magill-Evans, N. Galambos, J. Darragh, C. Nickerson</p>
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