

Dear JACOT Readers,

Our summer issue 2021 arrives at a time where many things have evolved in the health care world as the pandemic continues to put unique demands on our practitioners. For many practitioners working differently has been experienced by many occupational therapy practitioners working in acute care. Delivering occupational therapy services in new mediums has been one result of the pandemic, allowing many practitioners deliver occupational therapy services through tele-rehabilitation methods.

With the value and presence of occupational therapy being on the front lines during the pandemic, it is important we continue to show our unique value to the client and health care system within the acute care practice setting. In the 2019 Workforce Survey, acute care was the primary practice setting for occupational therapists (AOTA, 2020). With this workforce knowledge it is important to consider the continued growth and need for educating occupational therapy students in this practice area to continue to support our profession's unique and invaluable role in delivering rehabilitation to complex clientele in a fast pace, evolving practice setting.

Summer 2021 Article

The summer 2021 issue features one article is the first scholarly education topic for the journal. The article, "*Implementing the Collaborative Fieldwork Model in the Acute Care Setting*" provides an educational framework regarding the stakeholders involved in the coordination and implementation of a collaborative model in acute care. Additionally, this article provides examples of caseload management as well as debriefing and learning strategies to support learning in a fast-paced complex environment of the hospital setting.

We thank you for your continued readership, support and submissions. We are excited and appreciative with the growth of our editorial board. Their expertise and scholarship in acute care and occupational therapy education is exceptional and fits the needs of the journal. We look forward to continuing to provide our readers with relevant, timely and high-quality evidence that amplifies occupational therapy's role in acute care as well as the value of education on the unique role of OT. Please enjoy our Summer 2021 issue.

Best,

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