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- Health Policy Perspectives* 7003090010 **Coming to Terms With the IMPACT Act of 2014**
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The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Transformation Act of 2014 has implications for the future of postacute care and for health care stakeholders, including the occupational therapy profession.
- Special Issue on Occupational Therapy for Adults With Traumatic Brain Injury: Guest Editorial* 7003170010 **Special Issue on Occupational Therapy for Adults With Traumatic Brain Injury**
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Six systematic reviews and one qualitative study included in this special issue of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy focus on interventions for TBI from an occupational therapy perspective.
- Special Issue on Occupational Therapy for Adults With Traumatic Brain Injury: Evidence Review* 7003180010 **Effectiveness of Interventions to Address Visual and Visual-Perceptual Impairments to Improve Occupational Performance in Adults With Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
Sue Berger, Jennifer Kaldenberg, Romeissa Selmane, Stephanie Carlo
Scanning, audiovisual stimulation (vision therapy), adaptive strategies, and vision therapy and cognitive interventions for adults with TBI are supported by the evidence to varied degrees.
- 7003180020 **Effectiveness of Interventions Within the Scope of Occupational Therapy Practice to Improve Motor Function of People With Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
Pei-Fen J. Chang, Mary Frances Baxter, Jenna Rissky
A systematic review of 16 studies of interventions to improve motor function in adults with TBI found moderate evidence supporting various exercise programs and limited evidence for rehabilitation and computer-based programs.
- 7003180030 **Effectiveness of Sensory Stimulation to Improve Arousal and Alertness of People in a Coma or Persistent Vegetative State After Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
René Padilla, Anna Domina
A systematic review found strong evidence that multimodal sensory stimulation improves arousal and enhances clinical outcomes for people in a coma or persistent vegetative state after TBI.
- 7003180040 **Effectiveness of Occupation- and Activity-Based Interventions to Improve Everyday Activities and Social Participation for People With Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
Janet M. Powell, Timothy J. Rich, Elizabeth K. Wise
Research on the effectiveness of occupation- and activity-based interventions to improve everyday activities and participation for people with TBI yields support for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches across various settings.
- 7003180050 **Cognitive Effectiveness of Interventions to Address Cognitive Impairments and Improve Occupational Performance After Traumatic Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
Mary Vining Radomski, Mattie Anheluk, M. Penny Bartzen, Joette Zola
A systematic review of 37 studies found strong evidence to support use of direct attention training, dual-task training, and cognitive strategy training to address cognitive impairments of adults with TBI.
- 7003180060 **Effectiveness of Interventions to Improve Occupational Performance for People With Psychosocial, Behavioral, and Emotional Impairments After Brain Injury: A Systematic Review**
Steven Wheeler, Amanda Acord-Vira, Diana Davis
An increasing body of evidence supports specific interventions to improve occupational performance and participation for people with psychosocial, behavioral, or emotional impairments after TBI.
- Special Issue on Occupational Therapy for Adults With Traumatic Brain Injury: Research Articles* 7003180070 **Loss of Financial Management Independence After Brain Injury: Survivors' Experiences**
Kathryn Koller, Lindsay Woods, Lisa Engel, Carolina Bottari, Deirdre R. Dawson, Emily Nalder
Semistructured interviews with brain injury survivors about changes in FM independence generated three themes to assist in working with this client population.

<i>Children and Youth</i>	7003220010	<p>Determining the Internal Validity of the Inventory of Reading Occupations: An Assessment Tool of Children's Reading Participation [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Lenin C. Grajo, Catherine Candler, Patricia Bowyer, Sally Schultz, Jennifer Thomson, Karen Fong</p> <p><i>Rasch methods yielded evidence of internal validity of the IRO, a tool for school-based practitioners to assess the reading participation of children with reading difficulties.</i></p>
	7003220020	<p>Effectiveness of a Handwriting Intervention With At-Risk Kindergarteners [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Sheryl Eckberg Zylstra, Beth Pfeiffer</p> <p><i>This study provides preliminary support for the Size Matters Handwriting Program, an occupational therapist-led handwriting intervention to improve writing legibility and letter recognition in kindergarteners receiving RtI and IEP supports.</i></p>
<i>Productive Aging</i>	7003270010	<p>Health Literacy in Older Adults With and Without Low Vision [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Mary Warren, Dawn K. DeCarlo, Laura E. Dreer</p> <p><i>Lower functional health literacy was found among adults with LV from age-related macular degeneration than among older adults without LV, in part because older adults with LV may take longer to read and understand health information.</i></p>
<i>Rehabilitation, Disability, and Participation</i>	7003290010	<p>Motor Function Cutoff Values for Independent Dressing in Stroke Patients [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Takaaki Fujita, Atsushi Sato, Yuichi Yamamoto, Koji Otsuki, Kenji Tsuchiya, Fusae Tozato</p> <p><i>A review of patient records at discharge found that cutoff values for the Berg Balance Scale indicated the balance required for independent and supervision levels of dressing.</i></p>
	7003290020	<p>Home Exercise Programs for Adults With Neurological Injuries: A Survey [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Rachel Proffitt</p> <p><i>Findings from a survey of occupational therapists highlight the gaps between evidence and practice in HEPs for clients with neurological injuries.</i></p>
	7003290030	<p>Mindfulness Interventions in Physical Rehabilitation: A Scoping Review</p> <p>Mark E. Hardison, Shawn C. Roll</p> <p><i>A scoping review of 16 articles suggests that mindfulness interventions within the scope of occupational therapy practice are helpful for patients with musculoskeletal and chronic pain disorders and possibly certain neurological disorders.</i></p>
	7003290040	<p>Changes in Upper-Extremity Functional Capacity and Daily Performance During Outpatient Occupational Therapy for People With Stroke</p> <p>Caitlin A. Doman, Kimberly J. Waddell, Ryan R. Bailey, Jennifer L. Moore, Catherine E. Lang</p> <p><i>A study measuring UE functional capacity and daily performance change during outpatient rehabilitation poststroke found inconsistencies between change in UE capacity and performance.</i></p>
<i>Departments</i>	7003350010	<p>BRIEF REPORT</p> <p>Benefits of Family Meals for Children With Special Therapeutic and Behavioral Needs [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Beth W. DeGrace, Ruth E. Foust, Susan B. Sisson, Karina R. Lora</p> <p><i>Data from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health were used to examine the relationship between frequency of family meals and outcomes for children with disabilities.</i></p>
	7003360010	<p>THE ISSUE Is . . .</p> <p>New Roles for Occupational Therapy to Promote Independence Among Youth Aging Out of Foster Care [ONLINE ONLY]</p> <p>Amy Paul-Ward, Carol Ann Lambdin-Pattavina</p> <p><i>The authors describe exploratory work with stakeholders and youth transitioning out of foster care in Miami, Florida, emphasizing the opportunity occupational therapy provides to remediate the injustices that this population often experiences.</i></p>
<i>Evidence-Based Practice</i>	7003395010	<p>EVIDENCE CONNECTION</p> <p>Occupational Therapy Interventions for Adults With Multiple Sclerosis</p> <p>Katharine Preissner, Marian Arbesman, Deborah Lieberman</p> <p><i>Evidence Connection articles summarize the evidence from the published reviews on a given topic (in this article, adults with MS) and present an application of the evidence to a related clinical case.</i></p>