



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Special Issue: Play in Occupational Therapy

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This special issue of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy (AJOT) will highlight the role occupational therapy practitioners can play in promoting play and understanding the complex dynamics that support play across various settings. This issue especially seeks findings from empirical studies (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods), systematic reviews, or meta-analyses that can be used to inform occupational therapy practice, education, research, or policymaking decisions. Papers on the following topics are prioritized for this issue:

- Play as an occupation
- Identifying the benefits of play across the lifespan
- Play strengths and deficits in specific populations
- Efficacy of play-based interventions
- Evaluation /measurement of playfulness, play skills,
- Examining types of play (risky play, loose parts play, parent-child play), play objects and play environments
- Children's perspectives of play
- Impact of policies delivery on play-based outcomes
- Novel research methods for studying play
- Cultural differences in play
- Methods of teaching OT students about play and play assessment
- Occupational therapy delivery models and inclusion of play

Authors considering a submission should first contact Heather Kuhaneck [hmillerot@yahoo.com](mailto:hmillerot@yahoo.com) to discuss their interest. Please include a tentative title and short description of your proposed paper in the email along with any implications the paper has to occupational therapy research or practice.

Submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed and must conform to the criteria specified in the current "Guidelines for Contributors to AJOT" (available on the AJOT website, <https://ajot.aota.org>). Papers will be reviewed and accepted or rejected based on the merit of the paper and the fit with the special issue focus. We encourage early submission; papers will be evaluated in the order they are received.

**Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2023.**  
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