



Call for Papers

Recovery of Function After Acquired Neurological Injury

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Occupational therapy practitioners work with individuals who have had a neurological injury in acute, outpatient, home, and community-based settings. Recovery from injury involves understanding the underlying mechanisms contributing to both injury and recovery, accurate measurement of salient outcomes, and providing evidence-based interventions in collaboration with the client. This special issue of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy (AJOT)* will highlight the role occupational therapy can play in promoting functional recovery after acquired neurological injury. 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 or policy-making decisions. Papers on the following topics are prioritized for this issue:

- Occupation-based intervention across the lifespan
- Evaluation and measurement of neurological (e.g., neuroplasticity) and functional outcomes
- Occupational therapy delivery models (e.g., telehealth, community-based)
- Impact of policies and services delivery on functional outcomes
- Papers presenting or testing concepts of motor control and motor learning
- Understanding the experiences of individuals recovering from acquired neurological injury

Authors considering a submission should first contact the guest editors (asethi@pitt.edu; jaclyn.stephens@colostate.edu; woodbuml@musc.edu; sliew@chan.usc.edu) to discuss their interest; please include a brief description of your study in the email. Submitted manuscripts will be peer-reviewed and must conform to the criteria specified in the current “Guidelines for Contributors to *AJOT*,” which is 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.

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