



THE VIEWPOINT

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Ms. Pickett Goes to Washington, or rather, Washington Comes to Portland

One reason to become more involved with your professional organization such as OTAO, is to become part of the conversation as opposed to waiting on the sidelines then wondering why job parameters are suddenly changing. Recently, I had such an opportunity when I was asked to represent occupational therapists at a roundtable discussion with Representative Earl Blumenauer regarding the national Healthcare Reform issue. It was held in Portland on a semi-rainy Monday afternoon. I walked into the room and could feel the tension as people arranged themselves around the table and shuffled their papers as they prepared to address Rep. Blumenauer. Speaking to my neighbors, I found out many folks were there with personal agendas rather than trying to envision the holistic reformation that is possible. In fact, during the conversation Rep. Blumenauer had to politely remind people to address the topic of healthcare reform. I had hoped for a more collaborative effort amongst the professions, working together as when writing a policy at work for example; but, there were so many of us and not enough time, so it was about us giving him information.

When the woman from Pacific University who represented ophthalmologists spoke, it was apparent she had talked with colleagues in the health

professions schools. She broached the significance of language in the reformation of healthcare—the importance of not using wording that “discriminates against professions”. Although I had not thought that exact phrase, she verbalized my sentiment. When it was my turn, I reiterated that words have the power to allow a profession to grow and provide holistic treatment. Or, they can hinder and prevent professionals from giving the best care.

I also mentioned the importance of maintaining standards within professions to ensure clients were getting the best care. For example, the Autism Bill in Oregon threatens quality service without proper supervision for ABA therapists. As the last thing, I said, “Mental Health Parity”. The gentleman representing psychologists gave a thumbs up.

The concept of healthcare reform is exciting for our profession as it could truly allow us to practice more holistically than we ever have as well as continue to develop new areas of practice. I told the group that anything occupational therapists can do to be at the table of healthcare reform policy making, at a local or national level, the profession was primed and ready. It was an exhilarating experience and left me in awe of anyone who was willing to sit there, as Rep. Blumenauer was, and

listen to all the different points of view and then take that information and create a cohesive policy.

After reading what I said, I hope I represented your views to some degree. Certainly, the message has more clout if policy makers hear from more than one voice. So please don’t hesitate to contact Rep. Blumenauer, or your representative, and discuss how occupational therapy is important within healthcare reform. On the national level, contact Tim Nanof at AOTA with your concerns so he can take them to Congress. On a local level, keep your ears open for Coordinated Care Organizations in and try to get on board so they understand the importance and value of occupational therapy. Pin *The Viewpoint* up at work. When colleagues ask about how you knew about these topics, tell them to become members of OTAO. These are exciting times for our profession! Get involved!

Here are the some important websites and email addresses:

Rep. Earl Blumenauer,
www.blumenauer.house.gov
 Emily Hebbbron, office of Blumenauer,
Emily.hebbbron@mail.house.gov
 Tim Nanof, AOTA Director of Federal Affairs,
tnanof@aota.org

Happy Spring,
 Sara Pickett, OTR/L
 OTAO President

2012 Legislative Session End Report

In a whirlwind 34 day session, the Oregon Legislature enacted major legislation, rebalanced the state budget, and left Salem directly for the campaign trail. Ending the first-ever even year session just before 10 PM on March 5, legislators gave Governor Kitzhaber his four priority bills in the areas of education and health care. Lawmakers encountered a few rough spots but generally managed to complete work in a collegial manner.

For OTAD it was mostly a quiet session. We were actively involved early in the mandatory insurance reimbursement for Autism Spectrum Disorders. [SB 1568](#) was another attempt to require insurance reimbursement for ASD. While it had strong support, it was just too big of an issue for the legislature to tackle. The bill had one hearing before the Senate Health Care Committee where the only testimony against it came from the insurance industry. Their opposition rested on the concern of reimbursing unlicensed professionals. We were heartened by amendments that established a registration system in the Department of Human Services for ABA therapists. This change at least provides a modicum of public protection. Thanks to all of the OTAD leadership who were involved in this issue and Maggie Hotch for attending

the hearing. OTAD and others will need to be a part of the development of a bill for the 2013 session.

Another bill involving OT's, [HB 4063](#), requires the OTLB to give credit toward meeting licensing requirements for military training. Based on input from the Board, we did not take any action on the bill. It did pass.

One of the Governor's priority bills of interest to many OTAD members expands the concept of the Early Learning Council established during the 2011 session. [HB 4185](#) sets the membership of ELC to include nine people appointed by the Governor. The members are to include at least one person from each congressional district. The bill expands oversight of the ELC to include overseeing a unified system of early learning services for purposes of ensuring children enter school ready to learn. The ELC will serve as state advisory council for federal Head Start program and will oversee the system to coordinate delivery of services. In addition the ELC will identify opportunities for collaboration and will develop recommendations on professional development for providers of early childhood services.

The big health care bill was [SB 1580](#) in

which the Legislature moved forward with implementation of Coordinated Care Organization that would begin operation on July 1, 2012. CCO's are forming in various parts of the state and will initially serve members of the Oregon Health Plan. It's anticipated the program will expand to include public employees and educators within two years. Establishment of the CCO's to serve Oregon's Medicaid population will require a federal waiver which is being sought now.

In the area of mental health, the Legislature approved a budget recommendation to move \$5.6 million from the Dammasch Housing Trust Fund to community mental health programs. Also, Oregon Health Authority is to provide real time pharmacy claims data to the Central Oregon Health Council. [SB 1506](#).

The day after the Legislature finished was the filing deadline for the upcoming primary election. That means the process begins in earnest to determine who controls the Legislature when lawmakers return next February. With such an even balance of power some very minor changes could result in a much different Legislature in 2013.

John McCaulley
OTAD Lobbyist

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Renewals for your Oregon OT license start in **March 2012** by going to www.oregon.gov/otlb

The next **OT Licensing Board meeting** is **May 4, 2012**. If you have any questions contact the Director at Felicia.M.Holgate@state.or.us

During the month of March – June we are very busy renewing over 1800 licenses so there may be a delay in answering your questions.

May 2, 8:00-5:00: 16th Annual Research and Practice Symposium
The Application of Person Centered Practice Within Service for Older People, Presenters: Caroline Wolverson and Fiona Howlett
For information, email Kelly Hering: khering@pacificu.edu or (503) 352-7345

Stay tuned for exciting partnerships with AOTF and AOTA:

- OTAO has partnered with AOTF to create a scholarship for one OTR student attending Pacific University
- AOTA has selected OTAO to be a part of the membership drive for discounted nation and state association memberships.

More on Legislation

February was a busy month in Salem this year! Legislators met for the 2012 short session and on February 21st, Pacific University and Linn Benton Community College students came together in the halls of the capitol for the Fourth Annual Legislative Day.

Pacific University OT students had posters and interactive activities highlighting different areas of OT practice, while Linn Benton OTA students highlighted their distance education program. Students toured the capitol building and got the opportunity to sit in on a House session and public hearings. Look for announcements for next year's Legislative Day! We hope to get more practitioners to participate next year!

During the 2012 session, OTAD has

tracked several bills. Of note were SB 1568 and HB 4063. SB 1568, if passed would have required insurance reimbursement for services for children with autism spectrum disorder. Under this bill, insurance companies would be required to reimburse for several different services, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). OTAD opposed a similar bill last session due to the lack of oversight of ABA line therapists as it did not outline a clear path for regulation, therefore putting consumers at risk. Despite the addition of amendments that called for some supervision of ABA line therapists, SB 1568 did not move forward this session. HB 4063 was a bill that would have required licensing boards to accept military training as substitute for education and/or fieldwork experience. OTAD

opposed this bill because it felt that the state could not require OTLB to deviate from educational standards that are already set on a national level.

Finally, on March 3, 2012, Governor Kitzhaber signed SB 1580 into law, establishing Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) throughout the state. CCO's have been created to provide quality health care, including preventative care, for individuals on the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OTAD has been watching this legislation for potential impact on OT practice. For more information please visit <http://cco.health.oregon.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Karen Hass, MOT, OTR/L
OTAD Legislative Co-Chair

Highlights of Workers' Compensation Division Rule Changes

The proposed Workers' Compensation rule changes are effective April 1, 2012 and may affect you. Besides the updated fee schedule, the following rule change may affect OTs in particular.

The Workers' Compensation Division introduced a new Oregon specific billing code that providers must use when performing a closing exam. Therefore, if you provide closing exams that attending physicians will use for their closing reports, you must bill those exams with code CE001. The insurer must pay you at 80 percent of your usual charge.

The rules can be found [online](#) in both PDF and Word formats. Contact the Workers' Compensation Division Medical Section with any questions at 503-947-7606 or email wcd.medicalquestions@state.or.us.

Revised OAR 436-009, "Oregon Medical Fee and Payment Rules":

- Updates the physician fee schedule

(Appendix B).

- Increases payment for ambulance and dental services.
- Establishes new Oregon specific (billing) codes for closing examinations (CE001) and for closing reports (CR001). Both codes are payable at 80% of the amount billed.
- Clarifies that there are daily rental rates in addition to monthly rentals, of durable medical equipment, orthotics, prosthetics, and supplies.
- Increases interpreter mileage reimbursement by reducing the minimum round trip mileage eligible for reimbursement from 60 to 15 miles.
- Ambulatory surgery centers (ASC's):
- Creates Appendix C for payment amounts of surgical procedures.
- Creates Appendix D for payment amounts of ancillary services.
- Continues to allow for separate payment for implantable devices.

- Clarifies that an insurer must *initiate* a dispute when challenging the reasonableness of a provider's billing.

Revised OAR 436-015, "Managed Care Organizations" (MCOs):

- Modifies the MCO certification and plan development process by incorporating some of the "qualifying" steps into a single application process and eliminating the requirement that an MCO provide a copy of every provider agreement; the MCO may provide a standard provider agreement and identify variations.
- Requires that if the MCO schedules a medical exam for the worker, the appointment letter must inform the worker if a psychological evaluation is part of the exam and state the reason for the psychological evaluation.

2012 OTAO Annual Conference

We are up and running with another fantastic committee; we have a great location and growing list of vendors and potential speakers. Please see "Call for Papers" on page 8.

Please reserve the following dates in your calendar: **Friday and Saturday October 26-27** at Hood River Inn, Best Western Plus, Hood River, Oregon. Earn CEUs and network in a relaxed and luxurious hotel overlooking the Columbia River—what could be more tempting! This is a wonderful destination conference with very reasonably priced rooms. Please come and bring your family and friends. With the two-day conference format, you can spend Sunday exploring the local area together.

We had so much fun last year; many members of last year's conference committee are still involved this year. We're planning to recreate the wonderful experience in a new location!

We have taken last year's feedback, with hopes to keep the best and tweak the weaknesses: There will be more focus on networking this year, so our vendor area will also include seating to just sit and chat. Our awards banquet will be Friday, so people can take off on Saturday after the conference and not miss the fun. But, if you plan on staying Saturday night, know that we are working on renting a bus and doing wine tasting at some local vineyards (as an add-on to your registration). We are calling this our "destination conference" since Best

Western and Hood River are going beyond our highest expectations in offering wonderful opportunities to network, learn, and have fun.

Rooms are already reserved for OTAO at a reduced rate, so check out the hotel, its facilities and what is available in the local area. www.hoodriverinn.com.

Keep abreast of what we have planned via our regular updates on Facebook and at otao.com. If you have any ideas, questions or just want to get involved in some way, please contact me via email or phone: defriezfamily@comcast.net or 503-704-5480.

Sally-Ann Defriez, OTR/L
2012 Conference Chair and OTAO CE Co-Chair

OTAO Annual Conference is in Hood River, OR Friday and Saturday, October 26-27

Submissions of Presentation and Paper proposals due by May 18th (see page 8)

Wanted: Papers and Presentations

We are a professional organization, as well as a community. With this said, our 2012 OTAO Conference planning is in full swing. We had amazing speakers last year, and look forward to raising the bar even higher this year.

Oregon is full of expert OTs—maybe it's you, maybe someone you know. Share

your passion and expertise. If this is not your cup of tea, know we found some gems last year through networking. Please pass our Call for Papers Proposal to someone who might inspire and educate.

Sessions will be one, two, or three hours in length, with four or five sessions run-

ning simultaneously. We do offer a small stipend for speakers and you will get continuing education credit for doing this. How's this for incentive to speak? See you in the Gorge in October!

Jan Cuciti, MBA, OTR/L
OTAO Treasurer and 2012 Conference Committee

Pacific University Faculty Report

Pacific University School of OT continues to move forward toward the Occupational Therapy Doctorate and is on schedule with ACOTE to begin the first entry-level class in the fall of 2012. Interviews for first entry-level OTD cohort have wrapped up and students have begun registering for the fall!

The Post-Professional OTD program was initially slated to begin March 1, 2012, however has been moved to fall 2012 in order to complete preparations and recruit students. At this time, the first Post-Professional OTD cohort will consist

of Pacific University MOT graduates from the class of 2007 forward. Admission to all practicing OTs who hold a master's degree in OT will begin in the fall of 2013. Look to the school website at: www.pacificu.edu/ot/program/OTD.cfm for information about both degrees.

On May 2nd Pacific University School of Occupational Therapy will hold the 16th Annual Research & Practice Symposium: The Application of Person-Centered Practice Within Services for Older People. Featured speakers, Caroline Wolverston, Dip COT, Dip HT, MSc Professional

Practice, Cert Ed and Fiona Howlett, MSc Professional Practice, FHEA, Dip COT Cert MHS MHSM will join us from York-St. John University in York, England and lead the morning session. The afternoon will feature Innovative Practice Projects and Case Studies from the MOT class of 2012. 5.5 hours of CE will be available for those who attend the entire day's events. Look in your mailboxes for registration materials or get them online at: <http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/news/index.cfm>.

Sean Roush, OTD, OTR/L
OTAO Faculty Representative

How To: Start a Group of Local Professionals

When I first moved to Corvallis, Oregon, I looked around for where local therapists meet up. Did the local hospital host any CE for rehab professionals? Were area OTs active on the licensing board or in the statewide association? Where did OTs network with each other? I learned that a group of local PT clinics used to meet together a few times a year and collaborate on hosting CE, but hadn't done so in a few years. I searched high and low for a forum for professional meetings locally, and it seemed there were none. No problem. I decided I'd create a venue. As the newly appointed Co-Chair of Continuing Education for OTAO, I've been asked to share my process of establishing a professional CE group mid-Willamette Valley.

Step One: Survey the OTs in town to see if there was any interest. A one-page survey was mailed and emailed to OTs I knew, with a request to forward accordingly. Each contained the link to a SurveyMonkey questionnaire. I asked three

questions: Would they attend a monthly CE/networking meeting? Which, of a laundry list of potential CE topics, were of interest? Could they suggest a topic, speaker, and/or would they like to present? Only a handful of surveys were returned in any form, but that was enough to make the group viable. If a few people came, I'd be happy. Any interest at all was enough for me to proceed.

Step Two: Decide on a time and location. Since I own my practice, I chose to host the meetings in my office space. By our second meeting, the time became problematic for other tenants, and we borrowed corporate boardroom space for a couple months, until I relocated my office. Considerations for meeting space included centrality, parking, accessibility, AV equipment, seating, restrooms, and food and beverages.

I wanted to establish these as a regular, standing meeting, so I set a regular day and time. I chose second Wednesdays, arbitrarily and methodically. The second

week avoids most major holidays and first and last weeks of school year. I did not choose Monday and Friday as long weekends might prohibit attendance. Because my plan was to take summers off, I wanted to start early enough in spring to have it established before the first summer break. Thus, our first meeting was April 2011. While this was in the planning stage, OTAO contacted me to ask how they could support the establishment of this group, and so OTAO became the group's sponsor.

Step Three: Arrange for speakers and publicize. I selected the most popular topics from the returned survey forms. Many emails and calls were exchanged to invite and confirm speakers and to obtain their bio and picture for the flyer. The flyer template was designed with the location, embedded map, and meeting time. Then the date, topic, and speaker info was easily updated each month, and resaved under new date. I created the

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Education Update

The highlights of Oregon's educational communities are:

New Accreditation Standards: The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) is the national body charged with setting the standards for educational programs and regularly reviewing the programs to assure that OT schools are meeting those standards. ACOTE just adopted a new set of educational standards that will serve as their guide to the accreditation process for new and renewing educational programs. These standards take effect in July of 2013 and will guide the implementation of the Doctor of OT (OTD) program at Pacific University as well as all other programs scheduled for accreditation after 7/2013. You can download a copy of these new educa-

tional standards from: <http://www.aota.org/Educate/Accredit/Draft-Standards/50146.aspx?FT=.pdf>

Doctor of Occupational Therapy: Pacific University's School of OT is beginning the post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree (OTD) program in 2012. Initially, and for the first year of the program, admission is limited to Pacific MOT graduates from the class of 2007 forward. Admission to all practicing occupational therapists that hold a master's degree in OT will begin in the fall of 2013. To learn more details about the program, visit: <http://www.pacificu.edu/ot/program/OTD.cfm> or call the School at 503-352-7268.

Occupational Science Conference: The Society for the Study of Occupation: USA

(SSO:USA) will hold the SSO:USA Eleventh Annual Research Conference in Portland October 5-7, 2012 at the Benson Hotel. The mission of the Society is to develop research to build occupational science. Find more information on the Society at: <http://www.sso-usa.org/>

Fieldwork Education: The importance of the role of OT as Fieldwork Educator cannot be stressed enough. None of us would be practicing this great profession without the gift of patience, mentoring, modeling, and teaching that we received from those who supervised us in our fieldwork experiences. Please consider providing service to your future fellow professionals by serving as a fieldwork educator for OTA, MOT, and in the near

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Report from AOTA Representative Assembly

The Representative Assembly (RA), your “congress” in the OT profession, is preparing for its online task group meetings April 9-16 and spring live meeting in Indianapolis on April 26. We are proud to represent you there. It is important that you provide us with feedback so that we can be informed of your thoughts and opinions as we debate the business set before us. Details of the motions and other action items listed below are posted on AOTA’s [Representative Assembly](http://aota.org/Governance/RA/SpringRA.aspx) web page (<http://aota.org/Governance/RA/SpringRA.aspx>). After you log in, click the RA Spring Meeting link.

Motions:

1. RA Member Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee

2. Volunteer Leadership Development Committee
3. Process and Criteria for Motions
4. RA Leadership Networking Communities
5. Eliminate Alternate Representative Position
6. Establish Representative Elect Position
7. Establish OTA Representative Elect Position

Action Items:

- Consent Agenda Motions from the BPPC Report
- Once you have read each motion and any background information, please take the short [Zoomerang Survey](#). (Note: Have your AOTA membership number available to input before starting the survey.) We will use data

from this survey to assist with our decision making so please use this tool to make your thoughts known! In order to disseminate your feedback to the RA, please complete the survey by March 31st.

Please also post your comments on the [OT Connections Representative Assembly AOTA Member Forum](#) (again, it will appear once you log in).

Contact Sean Roush, OTD, OTR/L at rous4634@pacificu.edu directly with any questions or concerns. As always, your membership and support of AOTA is appreciated, and your RA leaders look forward to serving you in Indianapolis!

Sean Roush, OTD, OTR/L
AOTA Representative Assembly

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created the flyers in Word, and saved to PDF for emailing. Popular topics have tended to be ones that can be applied readily across settings and populations and are of interest to diverse therapists.

Step Four: Obtain a mailing list of local therapists (OTs and COTAs) and distribute flyers. This was done collaboratively through the OTAO regional representative. We now do email notices only, to save on postage, but it took time to build the email list. We only had physical addresses initially.

Step Five: Create day-of forms, signage, and certificate templates. I drafted templates for CE certificates for attendees and a sign-in sheet (important to have a record of who CE is awarded to). I also

printed extra flyers as signs to post on entry doors. Evaluation forms for the talks could also be printed. Again, templates for the sign-in sheet, certificates and evaluation forms make this step easier in subsequent months.

Step Six: Wait and hope for attendees. To make the event welcoming and well-rounded, I purchased snacks and beverages, set aside time for introductions all around, and otherwise facilitated networking. Another part of the ongoing process, I seek feedback, follow up with suggestions, and solicit additional ideas on speakers are part of the ongoing process now.

The Mid-Willamette Valley group has been meeting for almost a year now, and new

therapists join us each month. We are getting to know each other's professional strengths as well as community programs and resources. Some of the topics have been suitable for PTs or SLPs; future plans include opening meetings up to other rehab professions.

If you live or work in the Willamette Valley and would like to attend, contact me to be added to the distribution list pam@corvallischildrenstherapy.com. If you wish there was an OT group like this meeting in your local area, let's talk about making that a reality. It is the goal of OTAO to support local continuing education and networking for all Occupational Therapists. We're here to help.

Pam Hood Szivek, OTR/L
OTAO CE Co-Chair

OTAO 2012 BALLOT**Ballots must be received* by April 30th, 2012 to be counted****Secretary**

_____ **Mary Lintz, MOTR/L** _____ **OTHER:** _____
 (Candidate is running unopposed)

Trustee

_____ **Elizabeth Johnson, MOT, OTR/L** _____ **OTHER:** _____
 (Candidate is running unopposed)

*** Vote ONLINE, or ballots can be returned by fax, e-mail or mail:**

Fax completed ballot to: (503) 690-1819
 e-mail to: otao@otao.com, or
 mail to: OTAO, PO Box 7133, Aloha OR 97007

About the Candidates:**Mary Lintz, MOTR/L**

Graduating in 2001 from Pacific University, I had no idea where my career would take me. Will I find a job working in pediatrics? Will I find a job at all? How on earth will I pay off my student loans? Though not as turbulent as today, the economy was weak and we were all concerned about our futures.

I am happy to say, the last 10 years have been extremely fulfilling. Starting out as a clinic based pediatric therapist provided me with a solid foundation in pediatric interventions. I then moved into school based therapy, thinking I would 'change the system', but have since come to appreciate the pros and cons of both systems and how they are both necessary and complimentary. I have had amazing experiences working with Mobilize Mankind doing wheelchair clinics and training school staff in Baja Mexico to work with students with autism, and am also chair of OTAO's Pediatric Special Interest Section.

I feel lucky to be in a field that is in high demand even during tough economic times, and it is our organizations that keep us viable and necessary in the eyes of those who pay for our services. I feel that it's my turn to step up and do more for our organization, and I hope that you will consider electing me as your secretary.

Elizabeth Johnson, MOT, OTR/L

Elizabeth received her bachelors degree in psychology from Villanova University, and her masters of occupational therapy from Pacific University of Oregon, practicing as an occupational therapist since 2009. She has been a member of the OTAO board since 2010, beginning her second term as Trustee. Elizabeth is currently employed at the Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, working in pediatric inpatient rehabilitation. Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys running, sailing, and time with her husband Eric and dog Chester.

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future, OTD students. Thank you so much to those who have served in this capacity in the past—you make the profession possible.

Not sure if you're ready for that role? Please contact Sandra Pelham-Foster (pelhamfoster@pacificu.edu or 503-352-

7351) to learn more about the opportunities to serve in this capacity. You can also contact Maggie Hotch, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator at LBCC if you're seeking opportunities to supervise and mentor OTA fieldwork students (<http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/ota>). For anyone interested in improving their fieldwork

supervisory skills, I highly recommend the AOTA-sponsored continuing education program for voluntary certification (<http://www.aota.org/Educate/EdRes/Fieldwork/Workshop.aspx>).

John White, Ph.D., OTR/L
 OTAO Education Representative



**2012 OTAO Conference Call for Papers Proposal
Best Western Hood River Inn
1108 E. Marina Way, Hood River, OR 97031
FRIDAY/SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26-27, 2012**

MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012

Title of Presentation _____

Name of Primary Presenter _____

Session Type

<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Usually 3 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Concurrent Session <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> 2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Poster Poster Sessions
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Primary Content Area

<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Gerontology	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics/Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> School Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin/Mgmt
<input type="checkbox"/> Worker Rehab	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Integration	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Practice
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Presenter - fill out completely for each presenter

Name			
Professional Title			
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Employer			
Home Phone			
Work Phone			
Email			

Scheduling Preference – please indicate your preference for the day and time for your presentation. The committee will make every attempt to schedule according to speaker preference; however, this may not be possible.

<input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM
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AV Equipment – all rooms come with projector, PC laptop/speakers, projection screen, microphone (if needed), and podium. List additional AV needs. _____



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