

MiOTA Centennial Culture Ad Hoc Committee

The Centennial Culture: Sustaining the Centennial Vision Beyond

2017 By Robert C. Ferguson, OTR Neurorehabilitation Clinical Specialist, University of Michigan Hospital

In 2003, at her Presidential Address, former AOTA President, Barbara Kornblau introduced the concept of establishing an Occupational Therapy vision for the future and called on the profession to establish one. In 2006, after several years of work, AOTA approved the Centennial Vision:

"We envision that occupational therapy is a powerful, widely recognized, science-driven, and evidence-based profession with a globally connected and diverse workforce meeting society's occupational needs."

What does this mean? Each word has implications in everything we do, but do we understand how to implement the process to actually achieve this vision? Why is this vision important? Please, take a moment to understand the purpose of vision and how to achieve it.

Vision is a statement of what you want to be, or how you want the world around you to be. It focuses your image of yourself or your group. It's focused on the future. It inspires. It energizes. Vision drives everything you do. All of your decisions are made based upon your vision. Unfortunately, vision is a noun. It does not translate into action... It needs a verb to make it work. It needs a culture that reflects the vision.

Culture can be defined many ways. For our purposes, it is the predominating set of shared attitudes, behavior, values, goals, and practices that characterize the functioning of an institution, organization or group. It is acquired in part from social influences. Culture is learned as groups solve their problems in order to adapt to their environment. Solutions are integrated throughout the group. Group solutions work well enough to be considered valid by the group. Solutions are taught to new members as the correct way to perceive, think and feel in relation to those problems.

Culture is "vision in action" and is a noun-verb. Just the thing vision needs to work. Culture, noted previously in its noun form, describes the group and its behaviors. Culture in its verb form means to cultivate, to promote or improve the growth of something by labor and attention. It also means to develop or improve by education or training, to refine and to seek to promote or foster something. Now that's action!

Culture is the observable expression of vision. It is the process by which you take a vision and infuse it into your behavior. Then, the vision is passed to another, and another, and another. Eventually, the vision goes viral and the culture is established.

Is our current Occupational Therapy Culture in Michigan consistent with the professions vision? Is your culture at work consistent with it? How about your own personal behaviors? Are they consistent with the professions vision?

Over the last two years, the staff at the University of Michigan Hospital has developed a "Centennial Culture" that effectively puts the AOTA Centennial Vision to work on a daily basis. As a result of the success of the Centennial Culture at the University of Michigan, the MiOTA Association Assembly charged me to establish a MiOTA Centennial Culture Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Centennial Culture for MiOTA from the perspective of membership.

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2011 MiOTA
Annual Fall
Conference

October 14-16

The Grand Hotel,
Mackinac Island

Centennial Culture (Continued)

I need your help. I need your input. I need your passion. Whether you are a student, new graduate, young therapist, or seasoned veteran, each of you has something that will make the vision a reality.

If you would like have an impact on how MiOTA does business in the future and help to achieve the vision for the Occupational Therapy profession, then grab hold of the cultural mantle with me and join the MiOTA Centennial Culture ad hoc committee and help to establish recommendations to MiOTA regarding the development of our Centennial Culture.

Contact me at: rferg@med.umich.edu

I have presented the Centennial Culture concept to the Detroit and Huron Valley Chapters of MiOTA. I will be presenting it to other active chapters in the coming months. Please check in with the MiOTA website in the next few weeks for dates and locations near you.

In closing, I would like to share quote by Joel Arthur Baker that Barbara Kornblau referred to during that inspirational Presidential Address in 2003:

“Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision and action together can change the world.”

Let's change the world. Let's create a culture where we challenge ourselves to provide not only the BEST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE WORLD, but to provide the BEST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY FOR THE WORLD. Not only up to 2017, but to continue it beyond...

Thank you,
Rob

Hand SIS by Lydia Christesen

Spring is here, the birds are chirping, the sun is shining and the weather is finally warming up! And our minds are finally getting unfogged from the long cold winter. We can think about what we want to accomplish at work and our personal growth as a therapist. The Hand SIS group has some suggestions:

1. If you have not signed up for the **Upper Extremity Elastic Sports Taping Conference** in Odawa Hotel, Petoskey May 13-14 please send in registration form ASAP. The conference will be presented by Ruth Coopee OTR, CHT, CMT. Ms. Coopee has taught elastic taping for many years, written the chapter on elastic taping in *Rehabilitation of the Hand*. You can also find registration on ASHT website.

2. The fall conference is on **Upper Extremity Graded Motor Imagery: New Strategies for Understanding Complex Regional Pain Syndrome**. Presented by Susan Stalka PT, DPT, MS (Location: Baker College/Flint). Registration forms will be in the next MiOTA newsletter and on ASHT website starting in mid June.

Also, the success of our profession is currently driven by Evidence Based Practice (EBP) yet as therapists we are limited in our financial resources and time commitment. The Hand SIS board would like to assist in furthering the evidence for our practice by providing funds for research. If you are interested in applying for a grant please fill out the application that is provided in the bulletin.

Independent Occupational Therapists to be Recognized for Direct Reimbursement by BCBSM By Nancy Krolikowski, MS, OTRL, CHT MiOTA BCBSM Liaison

The process for adding independent occupational therapists as a provider group for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) continues. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan senior health care analysts reviewed the changes to the Rehabilitation Therapy Provider Class Plan with MiOTA. The changes included adding Independent Occupational Therapists (IOTs) as a provider group as well as adding Independent Speech and Language Pathologists (ISLPs) as a provider group. The addition of IOTs was approved by MiOTA.

The Rehabilitation Therapy Provider Class Plan is a document that BCBSM must submit to the state of Michigan, Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation (OFIR). Any provider that participates with BCBSM must be defined and a plan must be on file at the state level. Basically, this document defines:

- **cost goals**
- **quality of care**
- **provider participation**
- **qualification standards for providers**
- **provider programs (such as utilization management)**
- **performance monitoring**
- **general covered services**
- **reimbursement methods**
- **member holds harmless agreements.**

Currently, as written, an IOT must be:

1. Licensed in the state of Michigan as an occupational therapist
2. Have a Medicare supplier number as an occupational therapist (NPI number)

It is anticipated that occupational therapists can begin the application process at BCBSM in October, 2011. You will apply for the Traditional BCBSM network. Information will be sent to you to be part of the TRUST (PPO) network; this network requires an additional application. Once you receive notification from BCBSM that you are a provider, IOTs can bill for services but no sooner than January 1, 2012.

Currently, the CPT codes that are billable are PM&R codes 97003, 97004, 97010 through 97530, 97535 through 97542, 97597 through 97605, 97750, and 97760 through 97762.

We will continue to communicate with BCBSM as this process continues and keep you updated. In the meantime, you can begin accessing "The Record", a monthly provider newsletter published by BCBSM; go to bcbsm.com.



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MiOTA Fall Conference 2011
October 14-16, 2011 – Grand Hotel - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Conference Breakout Session Schedule

Title	Date	Time
#25 The Kawa Model: A Unique Tool for Understanding Your Patient's Needs	Friday, October 14, 2011	1:00 - 3:00
#30 More to the Story: Genetic Disorders That Share Autism Spectrum Traits	Friday, October 14, 2011	1:00 - 3:00
#7 Evidences Based Practice for the OT	Friday, October 14, 2011	1:00 - 4:00
#17 Serial Casting Theory and Practical Application	Friday, October 14, 2011	1:00 - 4:00
# 31 Licensure Update	Friday, October 14, 2011	4:30 - 5:30
# 1 Parkinson's: Neurodegenerative Disease/Research/Treatment/Therapy	Saturday, October 15, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#5 What Every Therapist Needs to Know About Healing Pain	Saturday, October 15, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#13 A Comparison of Commercial Technology with that Designed for Individuals with Disabilities	Saturday, October 15, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#23 Getting Paid: Documentation and the Essentials	Saturday, October 15, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#26 Fieldwork Supervision 101: MOTEC	Saturday, October 15, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#3 Therapeutic Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis: Best Practice Guidelines for the Hand	Saturday, October 15, 2011	3:00 - 5:00
#6 Exploring New Ideas from "Old Places" in Home Design and Modification	Saturday, October 15, 2011	3:00 - 5:00
#11 Pain Management: How Can OT Impact?	Saturday, October 15, 2011	3:00 - 5:00
#12 A Review of the 2010 AOTA Code of Ethics	Saturday, October 15, 2011	3:00 - 5:00
#14 The Teaching and Learning of Clinical Reasoning	Saturday, October 15, 2011	3:00 - 5:00
#15 Poster: Introduction to Hand Therapy "Manual with Associated Learning Inservices/Competencies"	Saturday, October 15, 2011	5:00 - 5:45
#20 Poster: Caregiver Training Program for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia: Reliability and Validity	Saturday, October 15, 2011	5:00 - 5:45
# 27 Poster: Operation Occupation: A Client Centered Orientation Program for Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Students	Saturday, October 15, 2011	5:00 - 5:45
#28 Getting In Touch With Yourself with SI	Saturday, October 15, 2011	5:00 - 5:45
#21 Treating Difficult PIP Flexion Contracture	Sunday, October 16, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#2 Developing an Interdisciplinary Student-Run Clinic at an Urban University	Sunday, October 16, 2011	11:30 - 12:30
#4 Sensory Environments for Learning	Sunday, October 16, 2011	11:30 - 12:30
#22 Identification of Binocular Vision Dysfunction Within OT: Assessments	Sunday, October 16, 2011	11:30 - 12:30
#9 Why are we leaving this up to PT? Balance Assessments and Occupational Therapy Interventions.	Sunday, October 16, 2011	11:30 - 1:30
#10 Therapals: An Extraordinary Network for Exceptional Children	Sunday, October 16, 2011	12:45 - 1:45
#16 The Centennial Vision: Globally Connected, One COTA's Therapy Experience in Honduras	Sunday, October 16, 2011	12:45 - 1:45
#18 ZeroStep: The Right Step for Every Home	Sunday, October 16, 2011	12:45 - 1:45

Additional information available at www.miota.org or call (517) 267-3918
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Registration Form

Name:	Credentials/Title (To appear on name tag)
Company/Facility:	

Mailing Address:

(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Phone: Email:

I hereby agree to allow MIOTA to share my (check those that apply) mailing address, email address with any vendors:

(signature)

Three Day Registration Fee Includes: Welcome and Keynote Address, Annual Business Meeting, and all breakout sessions, Special Interest Section Meetings, activities and events, entrance to exhibits, Welcome Reception Friday, 10/14/2011 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and Ferry to and from the island.

Two Day Registration Fee Includes: All breakout sessions, activities and events scheduled for the dates you are registered, entrance to exhibits, Annual Business Meeting and Ferry to and from the island.

Three Day Registration Fee**

OT Members	\$250.00	OT Non-Members*	\$370.00
OTA Members	\$240.00	OTA Non-Members*	\$350.00
Student Members	\$60.00	Student	\$115.00
Retiree	125.00	Retiree	\$245.00

Two Day Registration**

OT Members	\$200.00	OT Non-Members*	\$320.00
OTA Members	\$190.00	OTA Non-Members*	\$300.00
Student Members	\$50.00	Student Non-Members*	\$100.00
Retiree	\$100.00	Retiree	\$220.00

Check one: **Fri/Sat, Oct 14 & 15, 2011** **Sat/Sun, October 15 & 16, 2011**

Membership must be current at time of registration. Non membership rate includes a one year membership.

SPECIAL STUDENT RATE: If you were a student and attended the MIOTA conference in 2009 and/or 2010 your rate is ½ off the applicable conference rate. You must be a current member of MIOTA for this special rate.

Other Events, ala carte or for you, your family or your friend(s).

Welcome Reception: \$30.00 Exhibits Only: \$50.00/person/day

Refund Policy: Cancellations prior to 9/07/2011 will receive a 50% refund. After 9/07/2011 no refunds will be issued.

Payment Method : Check/Money Order (payable to MIOTA) Visa MasterCard AmExpress

_____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ (on back of card)

Name on card: _____ (please print) Signature: _____

Send payment with completed registration form to: MIOTA, 124 W. Allegan, Suite 1900, Lansing, MI 48933 or Fax (517) 484-4442

Corporate Option Available: Different individuals from your company may attend each day. Please specify the day each individual is attending. If corporate representatives are non-members, each will need to add \$90.00 for membership for an OT and \$80 for an OTA. "Non-membership rate is good for only one person's membership if shared conference corporate option."

Corporate Rate: Contact the MIOTA Office. *Additional information available at www.miota.org or call (517) 267-3918*

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MiOTA Finance News by Denise Justice Finance Director

The year 2011 is looking promising for MiOTA; there was increase in membership between February and March. It may be related to the incentive program and / or the web site changes. MiOTA continues to work toward upgrading the web site, so remain patient, a member's only section is on the way.

I bet many of you are wondering much like I was: "What are our membership rates in comparison to those of the surrounding states?" Well I checked into that. See the chart below.

STATE	Licensed	OTR Rate	OTA Rate	Student Rate	Retiree Rate	Associate Rate
Illinois	Yes	\$75 \$70 if AOTA	\$55 \$50 if AOTA	\$25 \$20 if AOTA	\$30 \$25 if AOTA	N/A
Indiana	Yes	\$60	\$45	\$30	N/A	N/A
Michigan	Yes	\$89	\$79	\$25	\$44.50	\$95
Ohio	Yes	\$60	\$50	\$25	N/A	\$70
Wisconsin	Yes	\$110 \$120 (rate increase)	\$60 \$70 (rate increase)	\$18 \$20 (rate increase)	\$30 \$30 (no rate increase)	N/A

Our rates are middle of the road in comparison to those in the surrounding region. We plan to keep these rates as they are as long as membership renewals continue. Take advantage of the membership discounts. We ARE the only state in the area that provides such an incentive. Go MiOTA!



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Friday, October 14, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 – 5:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Welcome Reception

Saturday, October 15, 2011

7:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker
10:30-11:30 a.m. Unopposed Exhibits
11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
5:00 – 5:45 p.m. Poster Sessions

Sunday, October 16, 2011

7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00-10:30 a.m. Annual Business Meeting
10:30-11:30 a.m. Unopposed Exhibits
11:30-1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
1:30 p.m. Exhibit Tear down
1:45 p.m. Conference Ends

For registration form and more information visit www.miota.org or call (517) 267-3918

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Michigan ASHT/MiOTA Grant

The Michigan ASHT/MiOTA will be awarding a grant each year for the individual or organization that exemplifies the continuing interest in scholarly or community enhancement of hand therapy.

Grant Application Format

1. Executive Summary (maximum of two pages, include information in this order)
 - Date
 - Name and full street address of organization or contact person
 - E-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of organization or contact person
 - Period this funding request will cover
 - Purpose of funding request
 - Number of individual, geographic area and target population benefiting from this proposal.
 - Total project budget
 - Total requested funding
2. Narrative (please limit to 6 double-spaced pages using 12 point font with 1 inch margins)
 - Please describe the issue(s) you will address with the grant money funding or provide a copy of the research proposal. (Research proposal may exceed 5 pages. Research proposal should include a copy of IRB approval.)
 - Please summarize the general work plan to accomplish the project/research goals.
 - Include responsibilities of key staff members and their qualifications.
 - Please describe how you will evaluate your program goals, outcomes and process over the grant period time.
 - Please describe how the project or research will impact the body of knowledge in hand therapy or the marketing of hand therapy.

Submit proposal by email attachment to:
ASHT/MiOTA Grant/Christesen
lydiachristesen@yahoo.com

Michigan Chapter of ASHT/MiOTA Hand SIS
Presents

Upper Extremity Elastic Sports Taping
(kinesiotape)

Date: May 13 – 14 , 2011

Time: Friday 7:30 am – 5pm, Saturday 8am – 12 pm

Location: Odawa Hotel, 1444 US 131 South, Petoskey, MI

Thurs. 5/12 is \$69, Fri. 5/13 \$79 plus tax double occupancy.

Cost: MiOTA / MPTA / ASHT Member/ Students :\$225

Nonmembers :\$250

Late Registration (AFTER April 18) :\$250 /\$275

LIMITED TO 60 ATTENDEES

For any Questions, please call Rasa Poorman, OTR/L, CHT at (248) 543-4886

Make checks payable to Michigan Chapter of ASHT and mail to:

Rasa Poorman OTR, CHT 25529 Keenan Ct., Novi, MI 48375

CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED

For lodging arrangements please contact the Odawa Hotel at (231) 439-6100 . A block of rooms are being held at until April 13, 2011. To receive the discounted rate, mention the ASHT Conference.

Registration Form (please complete ENTIRE form)

And please print clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Phone: _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Indicate if you would like vegetarian lunch VEG LUNCH YES/NO

Are you and MiOTA / MPTA or ASHT member ? Yes / No

Membership Number: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

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Presented by Ruth Coopee OTR/CHT, CMT

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- Demonstrate Basic and Advanced level Elastic Sports Taping application skills.
- Identify a variety of pathological conditions that may benefit from the use of Elastic Sports Taping.
- Complete a variety of taping techniques for the distal UE pathologies.
- Review a variety of uses of Elastic Sports Taping for Upper Extremity Injury and overuse conditions

AGENDA

DAY ONE

7:30 Registration- Coffee and Tea Service

8:00 Lecture

10:00 Vendor Exhibit/ BREAK

10:15 Taping for Elbow Dysfunction

Elbow Instability

Lateral Epicondylitis (3 techniques)

Medial Epicondylitis

12:00 LUNCH/PROVIDED

1:00 Taping Forearm and Wrist

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome/Wrist Pain

Dequervains Tenosynovitis

CMC Arthritis

TFCC Injury/Post-op

3:00 Vendor Exhibit/BREAK

3:15 Taping for Thumb/Hand Injuries

Trigger Finger/Thumb

PIP Joint Instability

Scar Modification

4:45 Questions & Answers

5:00 Adjourn

DAY TWO

8:00 Acute and Chronic Edema

Advanced techniques

Corrections for deformities

Mallet finger post op

10:00 Vendor Exhibit/Break

10:15 Nerve Palsy

11:00 “Let’s get Creative” Problem solving for problem diagnosis

12:00 Adjourn

Lyla M. Spelbring (Spelly) October 23, 1922 – January 20, 2011

Dr. Lyla M. Spelbring was an enthusiastic participant and a visionary leader with an ability to make difficult or new subjects manageable and real. She was a source of strength for those she befriended and for her colleagues and associates in her community, in the military and in the national, state and local occupational therapy communities. Dr. Spelbring's love of life, her curiosity and her caring about people were the basic foundations which guided her throughout her years. She was a fantastic friend who always had the time to keep in touch with many people around the country. A familiar motto of Lyla's was "lead, follow or get out of the way"; it described her energized approach so well.

Dr. Spelbring committed many years of her life to service in the U.S. military. She retired from the military with the rank of Colonel, an unusual achievement for a woman at that time. During her tenure, she served in two branches of the military during three major conflicts: active duty with the Marines during WWII, active duty with the Army during the Korean Conflict and with an active Army reserve unit through the Vietnam era. After she completed studies in occupational therapy (OT) at Western Michigan University, Lyla transferred to the newly formed Women's Medical Specialist Corps (WMSC) in the U.S. Army and became a commissioned officer. Upon discharge from active service, Lyla joined the reserves.

Dr. Spelbring dedicated her life to the functioning and well-being of impaired children and adults. She was the Director of the OT Department at the University of Michigan Medical Center and later the Department Head of OT at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). Her passion and ability to educate about and speak for occupational therapy and its tenets enhanced the status of occupational therapy throughout the United States and thus: improved the availability of this therapy for those in need, significantly improved the quality of education for OT students and working therapists, and facilitated ground breaking hospital-community reintegration treatment programs involving patients with disabilities and their families. Dr. Spelbring received a multitude of national, state and local honors. A few of these awards include: Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), the Award of Merit, AOTA's the highest award, Fellow of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MiOTA), Distinguished Service Award and Honorary Life Member of MiOTA and the Huron Valley District Occupational Therapy Association, Certificate of Appreciation as Acting Dean, College of Health and Human Services, EMU, Certificate of Appreciation Army ROTC, Professor Emeritus from EMU, Certificate of Recognition, State of Michigan, Livingston County, Michigan's Sesquicentennial and the prestigious Lucy Mary Kellogg Award for Genealogy in late 2010.

After her retirement from EMU, Lyla remained active with many different endeavors including occupational therapy, meeting with high school student classes to educate students about the benefits of the U.S. Military and the role of women in the military, as a volunteer driver for the Livingston County Catholic Social Services for transport of residents to medical appointments and serving on community boards, such as the Center for Independent Living. Lyla also became very involved and passionate in the pursuit of the genealogy of her family. As with so many aspects of her life, her curiosity and love of teaching was reflected in her many hours and years of work to trace her family, as well as in her teaching about the importance and history of families to others. She took great pride and satisfaction in her co-chairing and development of a yearlong project titled "The Ancestor's Clothesline" which went on a traveling display to various areas in Michigan. She also served 2 terms as president of the Livingston County Genealogical Society and chaired various committees.

Several months prior to her death, Lyla was asked if she would agree to allow EMU to establish the Dr. Lyla M. Spelbring Endowed Lectureship in Occupational Therapy. Although initially reluctant, she agreed to assist a committee in creating this honor. The Lyla M. Spelbring Endowed Lectureship in Occupational Therapy will be awarded annually to an individual who exemplifies the exceptional qualities of dedicated leadership, scholarship, and service and whose work results in stronger, more vibrant communities as demonstrated by Lyla's remarkable legacy. The objectives of this prestigious lecture is to embody the characteristics of Dr. Spelbring's life, to create a culture of lifelong learning within the occupational therapy community, renew relationships with colleagues and the University, and provide networking opportunities to advance practice and professional engagement.

Dr. Lyla M. Spelbring legacy is that of a visionary leader who inspired generations of practitioners, educators and scholars through her dedication and commitment to the profession of Occupational Therapy. Her work embodied the ideals of servant leadership: advocating for others and seeking to advance the interests of her colleagues and her profession. She demonstrated excellence in practice, scholarship, and service. Lyla's leadership in all aspects of her life has influenced countless individuals to strive for excellence. Her loyalty and devotion to her country, profession, communities, friends and family is evidenced in her tireless and enthusiastic engagement in life.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Lyla Spelbring on Thursday, April 21 from 11 – 1 in Room 350 of the Student Center at Eastern Michigan University. As a part of this tribute to Lyla, there will be time for any interested folks to relate a story or anecdote about Lyla. If you would rather share your story in writing, please send it to monica.harrison@oakwood.org. We will either display these stories for others to enjoy – or, if time permits, we will read them at the ceremony.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, 4720 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, MD 20824 or to the EMU Foundation, the Dr. Lyla M. Spelbring Endowed Lectureship in Occupational Therapy, 1349 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

On a personal note, we have spent many wonderful hours with Spelly over the last several years. Our love and respect for one another has grown for one another as we shared our life experiences. Her death has created a huge hole in our lives and we already miss our hours of talking, sharing. Laughing and enjoying each others' company.

Ruth Lamphiear, Julie Smith and Leslie Kamil

DME Reimbursement for Power Articulating Foot Platforms by Cindi Petito OTR

I was involved with a Medicare hearing this past Monday regarding the payment of the Power Articulating Foot Platforms for one of my ALS patients. My DME provider received only half of the reimbursement for the power AFP (correctly coded K0108) because Medicare deemed the features/function "THE SAME" as Power Elevating Legrests. Medicare's reasoning was that since they pay for the "pair" of power ELRs, and not each... that they should do the same for the power AFPs, and cut reimbursement in half.

So, the judge was asking me many questions regarding the difference between the two and how their features/function differed. And of course, I added everything in the book I could think of in my statement.

What I have been told to relay to all of you, is to make sure in the Letters of Medical Necessity and documentation, that the clinicians are justifying the power AFPs over the power ELRs when a power AFP is medically necessary for your patient.

In other words, in order for our DME providers to get paid, we need to document the differences in the two features and make sure Medicare is clear as to why the power AFP is necessary, and the power ELR is not appropriate for your patient.

This will help to clarify that indeed the power AFP's are not the same as power ELRs, and full payment should be made to the DME provider. From what I understand, this problem is being addressed by Medicare, but nothing in writing yet.

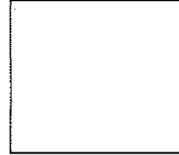
Share with your fellow OTs innovative practice ideas, book reports, or how you celebrated April – National Occupational Therapy Month. Write an article for MiOTA's quarterly newsletter. Send articles to casedo@northville.k12.mi.us

HAND SIS VIDEO LIBRARY

1. Appreciation of hand and forearm anatomy
2. Appreciation of shoulder anatomy
3. Anatomy and biomechanics of forearm and hand-G.Gola OTR,CHT, C.Reed OTR,CHT, Dr. Ditmars
4. Arthritis part I :related conditions-Dr. Mawby
5. Arthritis part II :Pharmaceutical mgmt., P.T. perspective of therapy and use of electric gloves
6. Arthritis part V: Pathomechanics of wrist, s/p mgmt. Of MP and PIP arthroplasty
7. Arthritis part VI: Pathomechanics of arthritic hand-J. Boozer OTR
8. Analytical approach to splinting-J. Baker OTR,CHT
9. Cervical spine-J. Fedorczyk P.T.
10. Comprehensive evaluation of the hand-M. Gilin OTR,CHT, D. Seidl OTR,CHT
11. Cryotherapy and heat tx-L. Miner OTR,CHT
12. CTD and CTS: Pathology and TX implications-E. Foiey OTR,CHT, Dr. Horrell
13. DeQuervains: Pathology and TX implications-D. Seidl OTR,CHT
14. Degenerative wrist disorders :therapeutic mgmt. of arthritic wrist- Dr. Mehta, J. Boozer OTR,CHT
15. Difficult injury cases-D. Claiborne OTR,CHT
16. Dynamic splinting-S. Desilva OTR,CHT
17. Electrotherapy for pain control-J. Fedorczyk P.T.
18. Endoscopic carpal ligament release-surgery video
19. Evaluation and mgmt. of U.E. edema-C. Basil OTR,CHT, C. Hoban OTR,CHT
20. Flaps and grafts- Dr. Mehta
21. Flexor tendon injuries: TX theory and application-M. Gilin OTR,CHT
22. Flexor tendon anatomy, pathology, physiology-Dr. Pochran, H. Turkopp OTR,CHT, P. Trese OTR,CHT
23. Hand replantation at the wrist level: Treatment-R. Jordan OTR,CHT
24. Innervation of the upper limb-AGC educational media
25. Lateral epicondylitis-Dr. Burke, M. Gilin OTR,CHT
26. Long sustained stretch, paraffin and massage: Increasing burned shoulder AROM- T. Mozdziejz OTR
27. Management of the burned hand-N. Cox OTR,CHT
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