MiOTA Lansing Area Chapter Meeting

February 6, 2020

**Attendance of 9**: (8 Lansing MiOTA members and 1 OT guest speaker) Ingham County Medical Care Facility. *There was a winter storm and the roads were very slippery, which impacted attendance.*

1. Meeting began at 6:00 pm with networking and appetizers (6:00-6:15).
2. Tour of new facility by Kate Hodgkins, Administrator of Outpatient Therapy and Wellness (6:15-6:30)
3. Presentation: (6:30-7:30)

*Occupational Therapy: A Vital Role in Dysphagia Care of Developmentally Disabled by Shreeavtar Rai, MHS, OTR/L*

“Rai” provided a very informative lecture on the importance of assessing and treating the signs and symptoms of dysphagia that are often overlooked in persons with developmental disabilities. Addressing eating/feeding and swallowing issues are areas within the OT Scope of Practice that is supported by AOTA and ACOTE. Rai included common signs and symptoms, anatomy and physiology, the role of OT in assessment using the Modified Barium Swallow Study, consequences of not addressing swallowing issues, red flags to look out for, and the importance of oral hygiene in persons with swallowing difficulties.

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
2. Next meeting: \*Topic: *Ergonomics for Occupational Therapists and Special Interest Section for Work*

**April 2, 2020**

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