

Add an occupational therapist on your home modification team!

Who are occupational therapists?

Occupational therapists (or OTs) are regulated healthcare professionals who can help enhance your home modification plan for aging home owners and individuals with disability. Occupational therapists address the homeowner's needs with practical home modification recommendations to live more safely and independently at home.



Added value of having an OT on your home modification team

1. Provides you with a **competitive edge** by offering additional specialized services:

- OTs are health care professionals trained to complete thorough assessments of the person and their environment.
- OTs provide tailored solutions and services to meet the unique needs of the homeowners.
- OT services typically include follow-up visits and education on proper use of assistive devices built into home modification plans to enable independence and safety.

2. Provides you with **peace of mind and confidence** knowing:

- Your clients will receive expert advice and best services from an OT to prevent falls and injuries as well as improving functioning within the home for individuals experiencing disability.
- Research indicates that a "one-size-fits-all" approach does not reduce falls, therefore individualized and creative solutions by an OT will best serve your clients' needs.

3. Increase client satisfaction that will drive **more business**:

- OTs provide recommendations that meet the aging in place principles and accessible design. Your clients will be satisfied because their modified home will enable them to live within their home longer, happier and safer.

How much will it cost to put an OT on my home modification team

- Average hourly rate: \$110

Typical number of hours for:

- Assessment: 1-5 hours
- Report: 1-3 hours
- Follow up: min. 1 hour (based on needs of individual)

How to connect with an OT

Visit the Find an OT page on the CAOT website to find OTs working in home modifications.

www.caot.ca/findanOT