



CAOT Conference Call for papers: Focus areas

Acute conditions: Impairments that occur suddenly and are often severe in nature. These could be issues related to traumatic injury, acute illness, etc.

Advocacy/change agent: Issues related to advocacy for clients, communities, populations or society. Related to advancing issues of concern to decision makers and focused on making positive change.

Chronic conditions: Impairments that have a long-term impact on a person, requiring ongoing management. Generally considered to be longer than one year and includes conditions that develop and advance over a long period of time.

Early childhood: Issue/topics related to children below school age

Environment: Topics related to directly impacting/addressing the environments/contexts of occupational engagement, performance and/or participation of clients, communities, populations.

General/professional issues/practice: Issues directly related to the profession and practice of occupational therapy that are not specific to clients. This would include administration, management, regulations, scope of practice, etc.

Health and well-being: Topics that relate more broadly to maintaining health and enabling participation in everyday life.

Mental health: Topics that focus mainly on the mental health of clients

Occupational therapy education: Topics that relate to the education of future and current occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants, including academics and fieldwork.

Primary care/primary health care/population health: Topics related to first line care services, practices which address both conditions and health promotion and preventive services, often with varying ages and conditions and including a focus on population health.