

Special Issue: July 2021

Virtual Care and OT

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Call: This special issue will discuss occupational therapy and virtual care. Virtual care is being used as a therapeutic modality to provide care for individuals requiring occupational therapy in various clinical settings. In this issue, we would like to explore innovative ways to access clients remotely, explore efforts to create or streamline practice guidelines within the virtual space and experiences within a recovery-oriented framework as related to occupational therapy practice. We would also like to hear about some of the challenges occupational therapists have encountered using virtual care and providing services to Canadians across the country.

We are looking for papers, case studies, and first-person accounts describing, for example:

- Access to care through remote opportunities (e.g., videoconferencing, telephone, mobile health teams) and its impact on health care
- A review of virtual care platforms that are currently on the market for healthcare practitioners
- Lived experience switching from in-person to virtual care interventions
- Shifting to a virtual care model during a pandemic (i.e., COVID-19)
- Use of various videoconferencing platforms to complete assessments and/or interventions
- Evidence-based occupational therapy programs and interventions that help people develop awareness of, monitor, and manage their mental health, physical health and/or substance use problems
- Any advantages, challenges, and lessons learned using a virtual care model through research
- Exploring how virtual care has impacted the rehabilitation setting
- Fieldwork experiences that student occupational therapists have encountered using virtual care to facilitate learning or completing their placements

Submissions (ranging in length from 300 to 1500 words, including references) are welcomed from anyone who has something to say about the occupational therapy role in virtual care. All submissions should be written to provide information to a diverse audience. Authors and readers of this issue will include occupational therapists, students, people with lived experience in accessing virtual support for various health conditions, caregivers, interdisciplinary colleagues, policy-makers, researchers, managers, and other stakeholders.

