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Editor Overview

Dear JACOT Readers,

We are excited to begin our **eighth year** of facilitating an evidence-based resource specific to knowledge surrounding occupational therapy role and value in acute care practice, education, and leadership. We continue to promote our journal's mission to provide an evidence-based resource that is current and representative of occupational therapy's unique role in acute care.

In this last year, we have received grant funding through the University of Minnesota - *Institute of Advanced Study* for supporting visibility and legitimacy of the journal. Through this grant, we are pleased to share that JACOT now provides digital objective identifiers (DOI) to all manuscript types published through JACOT. This enables us to continue to provide vetted evidence that is relevant and feasible for practitioners to use in practice as well as visibility nationally and internationally.

In the **Winter 2026 issue** researchers provide you with a comprehensive analysis of occupational therapy practices in the intensive care unit, highlighting the practice variation in evaluation and intervention approaches for patients with critical illness. We encourage all readers to also view this issue's editorial which is education focused specific to considerations for facilitating disclosed disability accommodations for occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students completing a fieldwork experience in acute care. The authors provide common disability accommodations relevant to acute care fieldwork experiences as well as practical strategies to prepare and implement various disability accommodations applicable to acute care.

We thank all of our readers and followers for supporting this evidence-based resource and look forward to providing an enduring evidence-based resource for occupational therapy practitioners to promote their work in the practice area of acute care. We invite all occupational therapy practitioners to be an active reader, promoter, and investigator for JACOT.

Best regards,

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