

Editorial

Occupational Therapy in hospital settings

This edition of REFACS brings together scientific productions of occupational therapy in the hospital area. Thus, presents research papers, reports, reviews and reflections by researchers, teachers, graduate students and professionals occupational therapists primarily, that promote relevant contributions for the advancement the scientific profession in the field of Hospital Contexts.

This specialty was legitimized in Brazil there is only one decade, although already exists since the beginning of the profession, from the second decade of the 20th century, in military hospitals, the survivors of the 1st. World War.

It expected that the content of articles published here could contribute to the construction of scientific knowledge. It also expected on the practice and performance of occupational therapy beyond the medical model of reductionist understanding of health-disease process.

Under this logic, it is possible to contribute to the expansion of the look and performance for an integral, humanized and singular attention of person who gets sick, needs treatment and hospitalization, when and where, often, see and find in life-threatening situation and, with eminence of death.

It is important to understand that this includes family, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the relationship of the person in your surroundings. In accordance with the resolution No. 429/2013, of the Federal Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy at the Brazil (COFFITO), the professional areas Hospitals Contexts are intra and extra hospital, beyond Palliative Care.

For this, the articles present contributions to practical and scientific consolidation of attention to occupational therapy at different lifecycle demands, namely: child health, woman, adult and elderly; risk situations such as prematurity, heart disease, threatening development of life and acute diseases, chronic, degenerative, and related demands and specific units such as intensive care and palliative care; wards, specialized services in attention to the person with cancer.

This edition presents experiences of incorporating practices, methods, techniques and approaches advocated for specific public policies, such as the Kangaroo Method, care to premature babies and disease prevention programs. Also addresses the theme like the challenge of being parents of a child diagnosed with incurable illness and/or disability, among others.

Thus, by means of the productions presented to arouse the attention of researchers and practitioners in occupational therapy in Hospital Contexts for understanding the impact of the process of illness and hospitalization in the everyday life of the person who sick in search of ressignification of the occupations and activities of everyday life, whether in hospital or contexts at home after discharge, thinking the attention from natural and therapeutic routes projects, as recommended by the System of Health (SUS), the principles of networked care or care lines.

Here urges the occupational therapists, to the professional experience beyond the walls of the hospital disease-centered logic, but for the promotion of health, well-being and quality of life, with a view to the completeness of the actions and policies.

Good reading and production of knowledge!

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