



Occupational Therapy Role in the PICU

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SickKids, Toronto PICU/CCCU



- 42 beds (including 18 CCCU)
- OT Staffing: CCCU: 0.5FTE (0.2 Neurodev)
PICU: 1.0 FTE



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Queensland Children's Hospital PICU



- 36 beds including (surgical, medical – incorporates cardiac surg)
- OT Staffing: approx. 1.0FTE
(2.0FTE across PICU and Cardiac service)



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Outline

- What is Occupational Therapy?
 - OT perspective/framework
 - OT in PICU?
- Impact of critical illness/PICU admission
- How does OT add value in PICU?
- Working with infants in intensive care
- Working with older children in intensive care
- Case examples
- Discussion



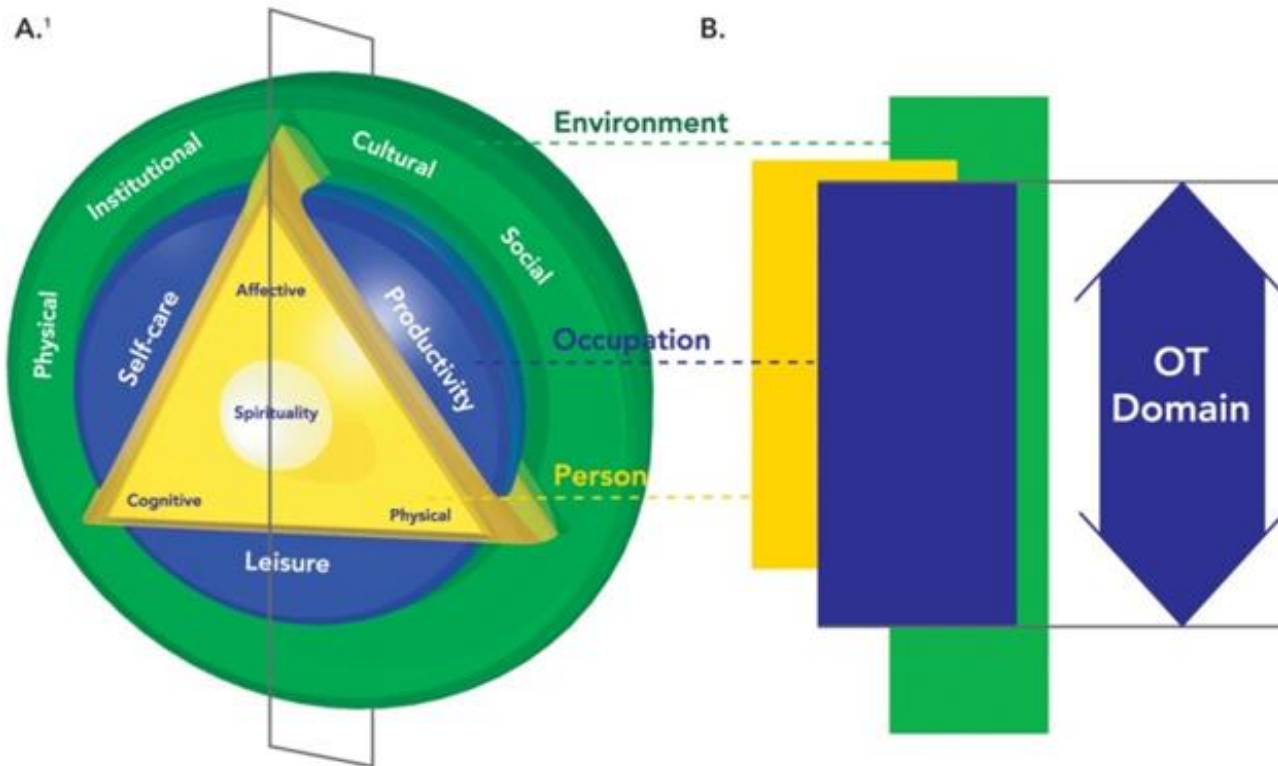
What is Occupational Therapy?

- Occupational Therapy (OT) is a health profession that empowers people of all ages to overcome barriers in their everyday lives so they can do more and live better.
- In the acute paediatric setting, OT aims to minimise the impact of hospitalisation, illness, or medical treatment on the child (and their family), and maximise their function and quality of life.

Focus: Person-Environment-Occupation



Occupational Therapy Framework



A.1 Referred to as the CMOP in *Enabling Occupation* (1997a, 2002) and CMOP-E as of this edition
B. Trans-sectional view

Polatajko, H. J., Townsend, E. A., Craik, J. (2007). *Canadian Model of Occupational Performance and Engagement (CMOP-E)*. In E. A. Townsend and H. J. Polatajko, *Enabling Occupation II: Advancing an Occupational Therapy Vision of Health, Well-being, & Justice through Occupation*. p.23 Ottawa, ON: CAOT Publications ACE.



What are childhood occupations?

- “occupations” are the things that we do each day

Eating

Dressing

Bathing

Toileting

Grooming

Sleeping

Thinking/
Learning
(school)

Tasks at home
/ within family

Playing

Games/ sports

Hobbies

Social
Activities

Can also include the healthcare-related tasks that children need to do



PICU Environment





Literature – Impact of critical illness

- Decline in neurofunctional status occurs in 3-20% of children following ICU stay – worse in those admitted for neurological diagnoses.

(Caprarola et al, 2017)

- **Paediatric post-intensive care syndrome** more well-recognized . Long-lasting impairments in physical, psychological, cognitive and social functioning are described. 30-50% of PICU survivors experience substantial reductions in quality of life after discharge.

(Hopkins et al, 2015; Watson et al, 2017)

- **Functioning** and **QoL** are emerging as key patient-centered outcomes during recovery from critical illness

(Fayed et al, 2020)

- An **interprofessional approach** including early mobilization, normalising experiences, and individualised PICU-based rehabilitation have been highlighted as important for outcomes

(Choong et al, 2018; Walker & Kudchadkar, 2018)



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Literature – Occupational Therapy in ICU

Review Article

The role of the occupational therapist in the Intensive Care Unit: a systematic review

A atuação do terapeuta ocupacional em Unidade de Terapia Intensiva: uma revisão sistemática

Estéfanny da Silva Bittencourt^{*}, Paula Silva Moreira^{*}, Glenda Miranda da Paixão^{*}, Marcelo Marques Cardoso^{*}

FEATURE ARTICLE

WILEY

Occupational therapy service provision in adult intensive care units in Australia: A survey of workload practices, interventions and barriers

Andrea Rapolthy-Beck^{1,2,3} | Jennifer Fleming³ | Merrill Turpin³

Functional Recovery in Critically Ill Children, the “WeeCover” Multicenter Study

Choong, Karen MB¹; Fraser, Dougal MA^{2,3}; Cheng, Ji PhD⁴; ...

...rbi, Samah MD⁴; Borham, Asm MSc¹; Cameron, Jill PhD^{5,6}; Cameron, Saoirse Ty, Tim MD^{2,3}; Fayed, Nora PhD⁷; Gorter, Jan-Willem MD¹; Herridge, Margaret Brook, Jamie PhD^{2,3}; Simpson, Racquel MA¹; Thabane, Lehana PhD¹

February 2018. | DOI: 10.1097/PCC.0000000000001421

children

MDPI

Article

Individualized Goal Setting for Pediatric Intensive Care Unit-Based Rehabilitation Using the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure

Youngsub Hwang¹, Jeong-Yi Kwon^{2,*}, Joongbum Cho³ and Jaeyoung Choi³

ONLINE REVIEW ARTICLES

Occupational Therapy in the ICU: A Scoping Review of 221 Documents

Costigan, F. Aileen OT Reg (Ont), PhD¹; Duffett, Mark RPh, PhD^{2,3}; Harris, Jocelyn E. OT Reg (Ont), PhD⁴; Baptiste, Susan OT Reg (Ont)⁴; Kho, Michelle E. PT, PhD^{1,4}

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Critical Care Medicine 47(12):p e1014-e1021, December 2019. | DOI: 10.1097/CCM.00000000000003999

BMC Pediatrics

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access

Caregiver dissatisfaction with their child’s participation in home activities after pediatric critical illness

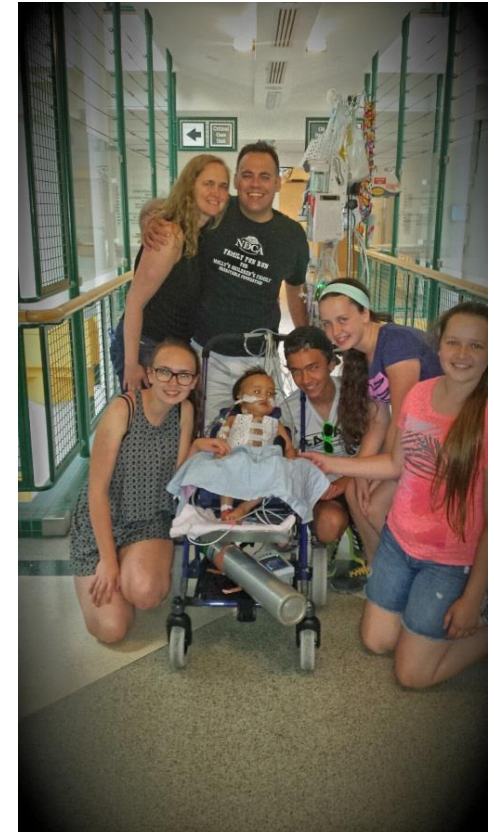
Jessica M. Jarvis^{1,2}, Nora Fayed³, Ericka L. Fink⁴, Karen Choong^{5†} and Mary A. Khetani^{1†*}

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Changing Needs of Medically Complex Children and Families

- Increase in the number of children in hospital and the community who are 'medically fragile'
- Complex and/or technology dependent children with longer admissions
- Invasive medical interventions: chronically ventilated, suspended/open chest post cardiac surgery, ECMO, VADs etc.
- Sedated and/or restrained
- Lines/Technology → restricted movement





How does OT add value in PICU?

- Holistic view
- Look at strengths and abilities of the child to engage in occupations within context of the environment (including sensory, physical, social-cultural environment)
- Skills in being able to adapt task/demands and environment to enable participation
- Occupations as both the treatment modality and the outcome/goal
- Role of child within the family unit
- Thinking beyond the ICU



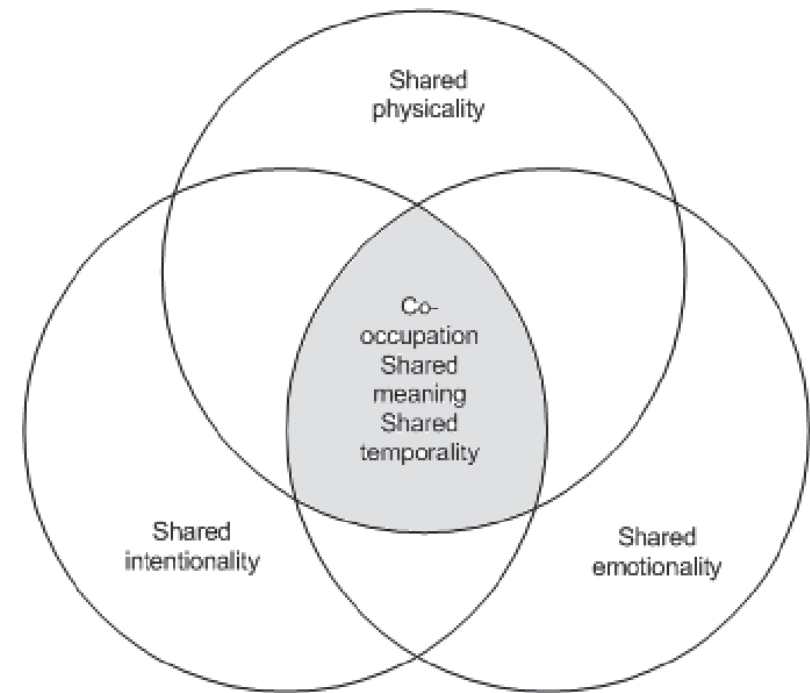
Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment is important before commencing with a patient in PICU (understand what is going on before walk in the door)
 - physiological factors - physical presentation, medical needs/cardiorespiratory stability, post-op precautions etc).
 - Arousal and responses (eg sedation level, delirium)
 - Medications (sedation, analgesia, paralysis, cardiovascular support etc)
 - Current interventions (eg ECMO, breathing support, renal filter)
 - What attachments/lines are present?



Co-Occupation in the PICU/CCCU

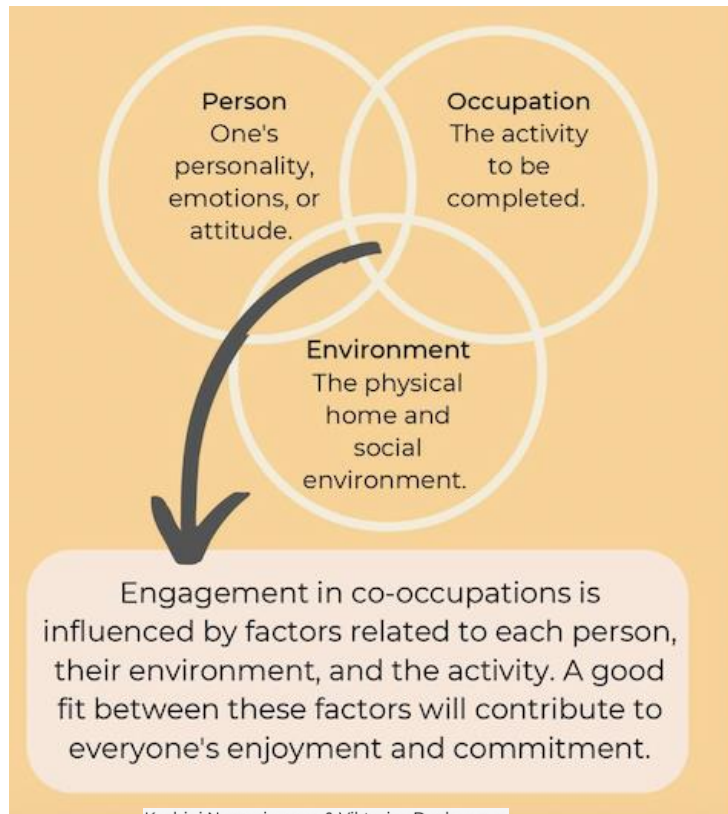
- Shared meaningful activity done by 2 or more people
- Interdependence
- Synchronicity
- “Doing Together”
- E.g. Breastfeeding, soothing, carrying, dressing, bathing, playing together...



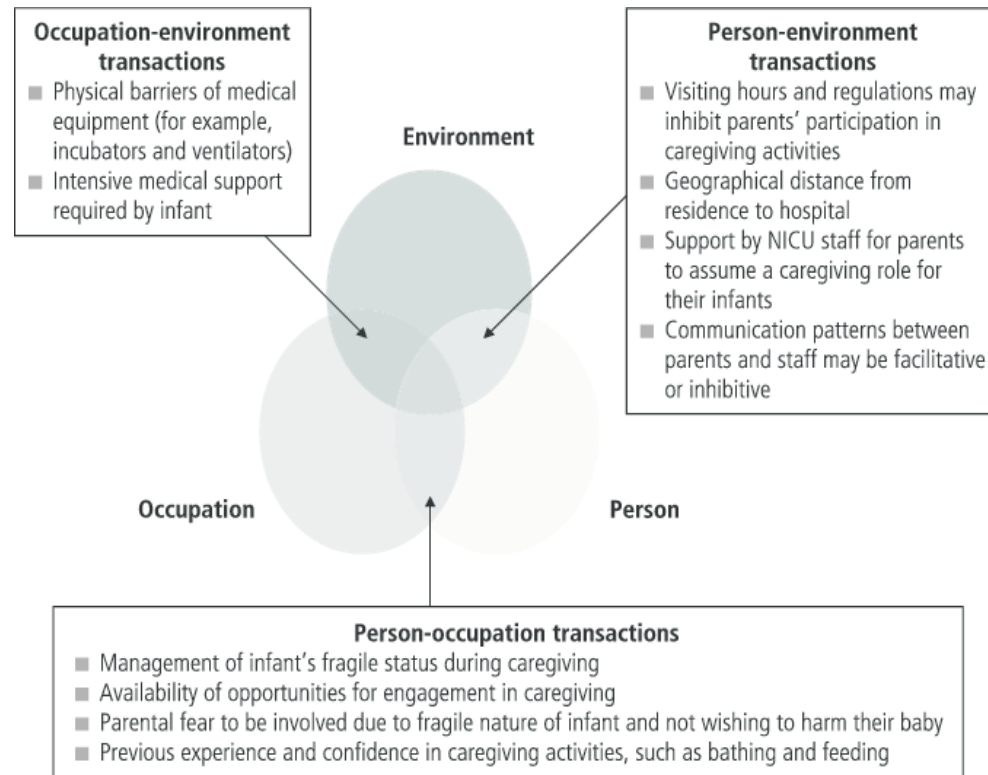
Doidge, K. 2012



Co-Occupation in the PICU: “Doing Together”



Keshini Namasivayam & Viktoriya Dyubanova
 MScOT Students at the University of Toronto



Gibbs et al, 2010



Supporting Early Neurodevelopment in ICU

- **Developmentally supportive care** is a philosophy and framework to **optimize ND** in the hospital.
- **Most at risk:** younger children who have not achieved motor, cognitive and social milestones, or those who have a prolonged and/or complicated ICU stay
- **OT's** are experts at analyzing & addressing the impact of both person & environment factors that influence developmental function

Intrinsic Individual Factors:



♥ **Extrinsic: Task, Experience & *Environment***





OT role with Infants in Intensive Care

- Supporting early neurodevelopment (including positioning and handling, graded sensory stimulation, positive touch, motor development)
- Supporting engagement in infant occupations (including arousal/regulation, play and early learning, interaction/engagement, feeding, sleep)
- Supporting caregiver roles in care (including carrying, feeding, ADL's)



The Critical Care environment is stressful!

Potential Developmental consequence

Poor state regulation

Motor delay and deconditioning

Loss of range of motion, plagiocephaly, torticollis

Delayed acquisition of social-emotional skills

Sensory processing difficulties

Delayed oral motor skills and oral defensiveness

Delayed communication skills





Infant Behavioural State Regulation

Good Regulation

- Smooth movements
- Ability to calm self and/or be calmed by caregiver
- Easy transitions between sleep and alert states
- Ability to maintain calm alert state

Poor Regulation

- Frantic or jittery movements
- Unable to calm and/or be calmed by caregivers
- Sudden transitions between sleep and alert states
- Not able to achieve CALM alert state
- Autonomic changes: colour changes, HR and RR changes, hiccups



Using the Sensory System to Decrease Stress and Improve State Regulation

- Important to provide sensory stimulation that is developmentally appropriate AND situation specific
- Consider the child's behavioural state; a child that is hyper-alert and distressed may need sensory input REDUCED
- Introduce sensory input one at a time and watch the child's reaction as it is introduced
 - Touch
 - Sound
 - Smell
 - Interoception
 - Movement
 - Vision
 - Taste





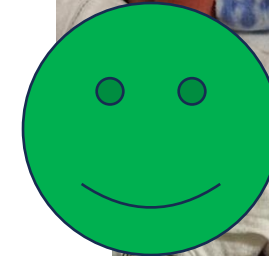
Supportive Therapeutic Positioning

Goal to support joints, avoid muscle contracture, improve midline orientation and facilitate self-regulation

Supine



Prone



Side Lying





Supported Sitting & Seating Opportunities



Upright seating benefits:

- Development of head/trunk control
- Social Engagement & Play
- Better for respiratory effort, cough strength
- Variety of options:
 - In parent's arms – important for bonding
 - Infant seat
 - Booster seat/High Chair
 - Tumbleform
 - Specialized Seating/Wheelchairs



Tummy Time:

- Important to the development of neck, chest, arm and back strength
- Be aware of sternal precautions
- Helps to prevent positional preferences and plagiocephaly
- Other benefits: respiratory, GI, self-soothing
- More challenging in ventilated patients due to tubing but can be done with alternative positioning
- Alternative positioning achieves similar goals & has other social benefits





ADL's, Caregiving & Neurodevelopment:

Lifting/Transfers



Skin-to-Skin, Holding, encircling



Oral Stim, Pre-Feeding





Promoting Individualized Infant Neurobehavioural State Regulation in ICU: Bedside Poster



OT DEVELOPMENTAL CARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR BABY



Hospitalized and premature infants can be quite sensitive to excess stimulation in their environment. They can become easily overstimulated and stressed. This makes it hard to maintain a calm, alert state. We can help by reducing excess stimulation in the environment & by encouraging self-soothing behaviours that will help baby stay calm in order to learn new developmental skills.

These things may stress or startle Me:

- Light, "tickly" touch
- Sudden, loud noises
(i.e. monitors beeping, loud talking)
- Unexpected, quick movement/handling
- Bright lights
- Being unbundled from blankets
- Painful procedures
- Diaper changes & bath time

"Time Out" Stress Signals *may* include:

- Arching my back & neck
- Stiffening my arms & legs
- "Jittery" arm & leg movement; tremors
- Avoiding eye contact by looking away
- Changes in heart rate and breathing pattern
- Changes in skin colour
- High pitched crying, irritability
- Panicked, worried facial expression

How You Can Help Me with Calming & Self-Soothing:

- Use *firm, deep pressure* touch when handling. Deep pressure touch is less irritating than light touch
- Move me *very slowly* when providing cares. Give me a brief break if I get too upset.
- Non-nutritive sucking on pacifier: dip it in milk for me to suck to help me soothe myself.
- 2-person caregiving: Have one person hold me (e.g. mom, co-RN) while primary RN provides cares
- Diaper Changes: roll/move me very slowly to my sides vs. lifting my legs up quickly when changing me.
- Bathing: move me very slowly; try loosely swaddling during bath, uncovering one limb at a time.
- Tummy Time position soothes me especially when I can suck on my pacifier or hand. I also like massage.
- Vertical Rocking: rock me up and down in your arms or on your chest
- Reduce noise level by moving away from crib & talking quietly

Questions? Contact your Occupational Therapist, Lisa Hoffman



Neonatal Touch & Massage

A Parent's Guide to Listening Touch Massage

Massage is a positive, soothing touch you can give your baby. Massage can help improve sleep and weight gain, reduce infant stress and improve parent-infant bonding.

Massage usually takes 10-15 minutes, but this is individual. Listen to your baby's cues/responses and adjust strokes throughout. If you need help with massaging your baby ask OT.

Preparation



Wash your hands. Undress baby and gently move diaper down to uncover buttocks. Ask your nurse for assistance to turn your baby on his/her side or tummy if needed. Prepare for massage by rubbing a small amount of mineral oil to clean hands. Use enough oil so that your hands glide easily over your baby's skin. Do not apply oil directly on baby. TALK to your baby before you TOUCH, TOUCH before you MOVE. Wait for permission from baby through a deep breath.

Back Stroke



Position baby on his/her tummy or if unable to be on tummy, in side lying (feet towards you). Place two hands on baby's back to start. Using firm but gentle, consistent pressure, stroke from baby's shoulders to buttocks, placing at least one hand on baby at all times. Repeat.

Arm Stroke



Position baby in side lying (feet towards you). With your top hand in a "C" position, wrapped around baby's arm near the shoulder, and your second hand holding the side of wrist, slowly glide your hand down to baby's wrist and then gently press your thumb in to his/her palm. Goal is to bring arm parallel to the surface. Repeat.

Leg Stroke



Position baby in sidelying or on back (feet towards you). With your top hand in a "C" position, wrapped around baby's leg near the hip, and your second hand holding the side of ankle, slowly glide your hand down to baby's ankle and then press your thumb into his/her sole of foot. Repeat.

- Infant-Parent Attachment & Bonding Opportunity
- Positive touch
- Improved state regulation
- Decreased pain
- Sleep
- Growth
- Decrease pain behaviours



OT role with older children in Intensive Care

- Facilitate participation in age-appropriate occupations (ADLs, play, productivity and leisure)
- Modify environment to enhance occupational performance (e.g. sensory environment, equipment)
- Minimise neurological or biomechanical risks and potential impact on occupational performance (e.g. splinting, positioning)
- Support occupational performance in hospital-related tasks/occupations
- Facilitate developmental progress and/or early rehabilitation
- Cognitive assessment
- Discharge planning



Children may present with a variety of functional or cognitive changes, for example:

- Significant change in occupational performance due to trauma or medical condition
 - multi-trauma
 - Acquired brain injury
 - Cardiac arrest with downtime
 - stroke/neurological event, seizures
 - Respiratory difficulties requiring breathing support
- Severe deconditioning, global weakness (e.g. following ECMO, extended period of mechanical ventilation, prolonged admission)
- Difficulties engaging in daily activities (eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, mobility) due to condition or its treatment
- Atypical behaviours, cognition changes, delirium



Facilitating participation in age-appropriate occupations

- Early engagement in ADLs, productivity and play/leisure activities
- Consider different positions that support engagement (and that are developmentally-appropriate)
- e.g. mat, chair, sitting in bed, away from bedside.
- Consider lines/attachments
- Support predictable routine





- Consider impact of motivation, mood, individual goals, and stage of recovery
- Grade participation (e.g. hand-over-hand assist with mouth cares → child does part of task only → independent brushing of teeth)
- Environmental adaption / use of equipment to enable participation
- Child & Family Empowerment



About Julian:

Julian has autism and is non-verbal. Julian finds the hospital environment frightening.

Communicating with Julian:

- Julian's understanding is at approximately 2-3yo level
- Please keep directions simple
- Use key words
- Use positive encouragement (eg good rolling, good helping)
- Good words to use: CALM, SAFE, HELP, OKAY

Cares:

- Julian will try to help with basic cares
- Please cluster cares when possible
- Responds better to "hands off approach"

Sensory environment:

- Please maintain a quiet, calm environment
- Unexpected or loud sounds can be distressing for Julian
- Use strategies to help Julian to stay calm – eg chewy tube, use of gentle music





Feeding/Swallowing Function

- Oral-Motor and/or swallowing dysfunction
- Post-extubation dysphagia; VCP risk
- Decreased SSB coordination
- Decreased endurance
- GI issues: GERD, nausea, dysmotility,
- Poor State Regulation; Narcotic withdrawal
- Oral hypersensitivity/feeding aversion
- Co-morbidities: Prematurity, Genetic syndromes, Neuro



vocal cords in open position



vocal cords in closed position



vocal cords attempting closed position (with one sided palsy)

“The complications of swallowing impairment or dysphagia include aspiration, reintubation, pneumonia, and consequently prolonged duration of ICU and hospital stay”



Feeding/Swallowing: OT Role

- Clinical Assessment
- Videofluoroscopic swallowing study (VFSS)
- Interventions:
 - Positioning
 - Texture
 - Temperature
 - Taste
 - Bolus size
 - Speed of bolus presentation
 - Timing, Volume & Duration



Early Identification improves health, LoS & QoL outcomes!



Pre-Feeding Skills & Oral Stimulation

- “Pre-Feeding” Readiness:
- Encourage hands to mouth and bringing toys to mouth.
- Provide pleasant oral-motor and facial stimulation.
- Skin-to-Skin Holding
- OIT, pacifier
- Teething toys
- Safe Oral Feeding Experiences





Minimising neurological or biomechanical risks / Considering performance components

This may include:

- Supporting appropriate environment for early recovery (e.g. low stimulus environment post ABI, prevention/management of delirium)
- Upper limb reviews and intervention – early UL retraining, strength/ROM Ax, oedema mgt
- Splinting/positioning
- Supporting hand use for play, ADL
- Exploring sensory preferences/processing
- Early cognitive assessment





Cognitive Assessment

Who to Refer:

- Stroke, TBI, ABI
- Any change in cognitive function
- Cardiac arrest, post-ECMO
- Prolonged intubation/ICU LoS
- Significant personality/behavioural changes

Timing of Assessment:

- LoC
- Some ability to participate
- Baseline history re: function
- Informal vs Formal Ax

Cognitive Domains Evaluated:

- Orientation
- Attention
- Short, Long-term, Working memory
- Information processing
- Visual Spatial/Perception
- Executive function - inhibition, problem solving, insight, judgement, impulsivity

Always consider: how this relates to functional performance (e.g. ADL, productivity, play/leisure)



Supporting occupational performance in hospital-related tasks/occupations

- High risk for post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in children after a PICU admission.
- Invasive Procedures + LoS + Severity of Illness = adverse long term effects, PTSD, significant medical fears (Rennick et al, 2002)
- OT role may include:
 - Assisting with preparation for procedures for patient who is awake e.g. Age-appropriate education through play, using play to help child understand what to expect during procedure.
 - Supporting normal routine, roles, and relationships
 - Anxiety management e.g. Relaxation strategies or distraction





Discharge planning

- Consideration of usual roles and occupations, home and school environments as part of initial occupational performance assessment → discharge planning begins from the time of admission.
- At times will discharge home directly from PICU (eg long-term ventilation).
- Early identification of need for further inpatient rehab or community therapy services
- Assessing potential home equipment needs



Measuring Outcomes

- PICU Core data set (Fink et al, 2020)
- Additional assessments relevant for OT:

Occupation-based	Motor	Cognition	Sensory	Neuro-developmental
FIM/WeeFIM	MMT	Coma Recovery Scale (SRC)	Nottingham	Prechtl's General Movements
COPM	Modified Ashworth	MOCA	Pain scales (faces, FLACC, CPOT)	HINE
	ROM	LANCE	ASIA	AIMS
	Dynamometer	PRPP		NNNS
		Cognistat, LOTCA		ASQ (screen)
		PTA / COAT		
		CAP-D / pCAM		



OT role in CCCU at SickKids

Neurodevelopment

Feeding/Swallowing

Cognition & Neuro-Rehab:
Neurologic changes vs Delirium

ADL's: early mobilization,/rehab & discharge
planning

Sensory processing, Self-regulation

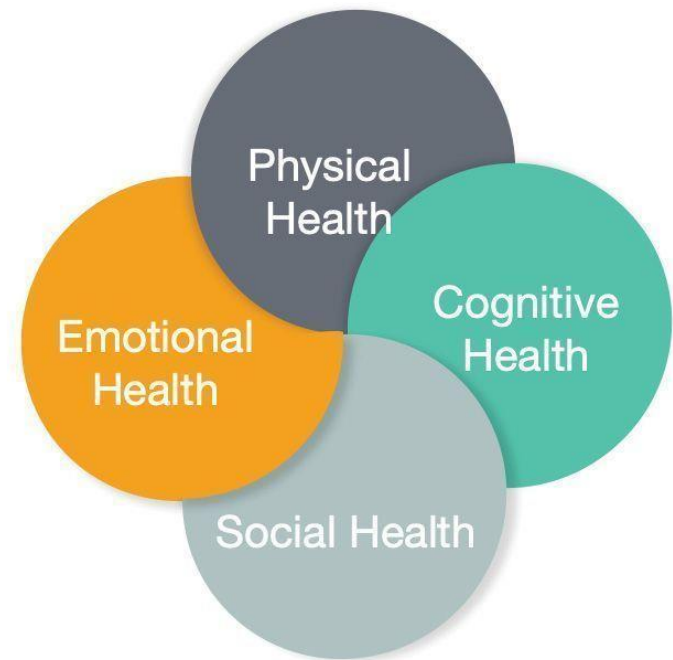


Figure 1. The four key domains of PICS-p model.



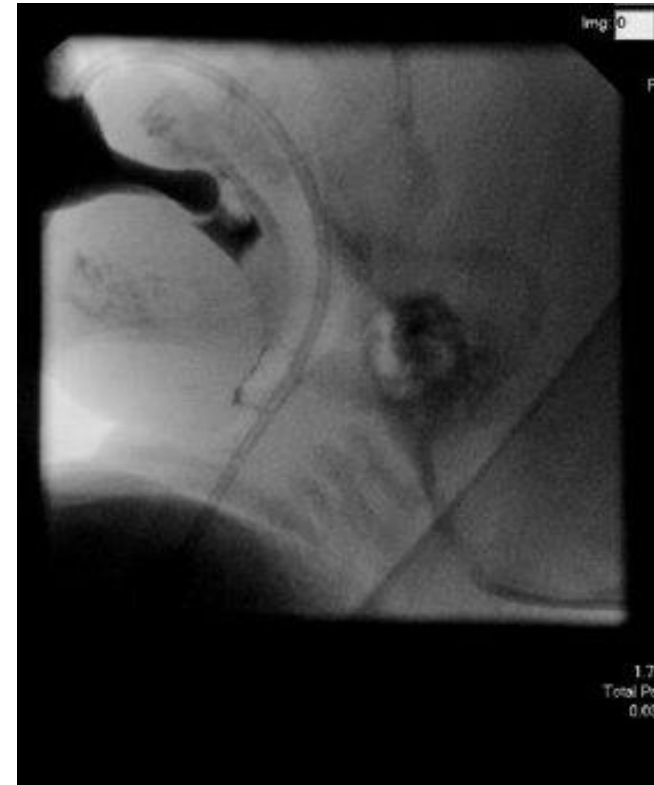
CCCU: Case Study A.F.

- 2-mos old male
- Single ventricle physiology
- Prolonged ~1-year hospitalization due to complex course/complications:
 - Decreased cardiac function
 - Left vocal cord paralysis
 - Left diaphragm paralysis
 - Some changes on MRI brain
 - HHFNC +/- CPAP dependent
 - GERD; GJ tube; TPN
 - Osteopenia
- OT primary therapist in CCCU during ~11-mos admission.



OT Role: A.F.

- Assess & Support:
 - Tone/ROM/Movement Quality
 - GM & FM Skills
 - Adaptive Skills
 - Sensory Processing
 - Feeding/Swallowing/VFSS
 - ADL's
 - Equipment
 - Early D/C planning





OT Role A.F. :





- Neonatal Massage for State Regulation



Therapeutic Positioning



- ADL's: Osteopenia Education

OSTEOPENIA ALERT		
DIAPER CHANGING	LIFTING and CARRYING	MOVEMENT
 <p>DO gently slide hand under baby's bottom to lift baby</p>	 <p>DO lift with arms and legs supported</p>	 <p>DO provide supervised unbundled time</p>
 <p>DON'T lift by the ankles</p>	 <p>DON'T lift with arms and legs unsupported</p>	 <p>DON'T Bundle too tightly or all of the time</p>

Acknowledgment: Poster courtesy Suzanne Breton, NICU OT, SickKids



OT Role: A.F.

• Bedside Developmental Program

- Equipment: Compression Orthoses

LYING ON SIDE

- Side lying helps develop abdominal & back muscles, & helps hands come together more easily.
- Use a rolled pillow & a heating bag behind my back (if applied to keep me on my side, if needed, you can put a heated blanket on front to help me stay on my side).
- Position top leg flexed over bottom leg. Help me put weight through my feet.
- Encourage baby to move forward as they can bring them together to work on grasping with both hands.
- Place top/innermost your feet so they bend head forward to look at them.
- Practice lying on both left & right sides so both sides of the body get strong.

TUMMY TIME

- Place the small pillow/rolled blankets underneath upper body for support & elevation.
- Place baby on their tummy with shoulders and hips turned to the side, ensuring mouth is visible.
- Place blanket (top or folded blanket under) (not wash fabric) to support it.
- Place your face, head or a mirror in front to encourage baby to lift head to look up.
- Help them turn the head both directions.
- Also, promote tummy time by holding baby on your chest!

SUPPORTED SITTING

- Place one hand on your baby's chest and one hand on their back.
- Use your hands to "bend" them, while giving gentle upward & downward pressure with your hands. This will help them move easily. (If their head is stronger than their back).
- At first, their head will "bob" up & down until they get stronger. Keep your hands close to their neck to provide support as needed.
- Encourage them to lift head to look up at you, or at toys with lights/sounds or a mirror.
- As your baby gets stronger, you can gently rock them to side to side to help them learn to keep head in line with their body.

SITTING IN CHAIR

- Put rolled blanket alongside the trunk to help baby centered & to keep their arms forward/shoulder middle of body.
- Put a smaller rolled blanket behind neck to help them bring head forward.
- Put textured toys or soft blanket on baby's chest or on side of chair. No neck with toys placed near their hands to encourage baby to touch with fingers.
- Sing, talk, or read to your baby to encourage social interaction & visual responses. Encourage to try your sightline when you talk. Encourage them to extend arms to grasp & touch the toy.

Hand Skills

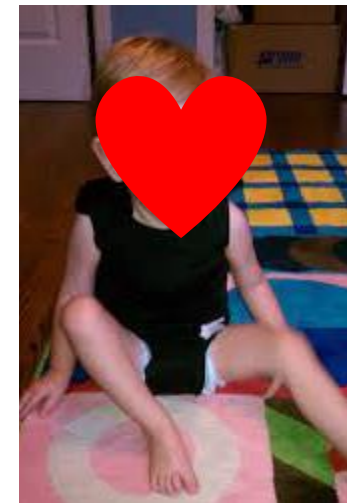
Using Both Hands Together: Place left to on baby's chest & help them touch with both hands. Try this activity in sitting/lying or in chest/seat as this allows for easier to bring hands together.

Grasping Toys: Help baby grasp a light rattle, shaker, or a look at it in their hand. Bring your baby's arms & hands forward so they are in their line of sight so they can see my hands when I'm playing. Help your baby touch soft/fuzzy toys, or a soft blanket/doll/food toy to get used to different kinds of textures.

WAYS TO HOLD & CARRY ME

- 1. CHEST-IN-CHEST:** Help position their arms forward. Encourage baby to try head and hair weight through arms.
- 2. OUTWARD CARRY:** Good position for walking or driving feet and visual skills.
- 3. TUMMY DOWN CARRY:** Hold your baby elevated on tummy in your arms or on your hip. Support neck or put bottom to support. Encourage your baby to lift head to look around & to explore arms forward.

IF ANY QUESTIONS, ASK US!!



Oral Feeding Program:



Referrals: Music Therapy; Clown; SLP; PT



OT role in PICU at QCH

PICUstars Liberation at QCH

- A** Assess prevent & manage pain
 - B** Both spontaneous awakening trials & spontaneous breathing trials
 - C** Choice of analgesia & sedation
 - D** Delirium: assess, prevent & manage
 - E** Early mobility & exercise
 - F** Family engagement & empowerment
 - G** Good nutrition
 - H** Humanism
-  **Baby Liberation**

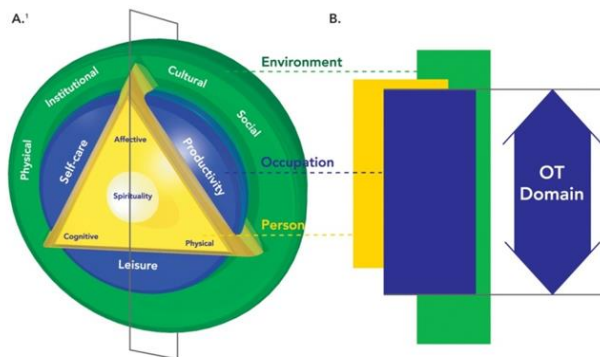
Support early neurodevelopment

Support participation in occupations as able
(early mobilization / early rehabilitation)

Assessment of cognition (e.g. neurological changes; PTA; delirium)

Support engagement in health-care occupations

Support person factors to influence above areas
(e.g. sensory processing, regulation, arousal, ROM)





PICU: Case Study Abi

- 6 year old girl
- admitted via peripheral hospital (13 July)
- streptococcus pneumoniae ARDS
 - Rapid progression intubation → HFOV same day (14 July)
 - VV-ECMO (19 July – 27 August)
- Tracheostomy (24 Aug)
 - Decannulated Sept after d/c to ward
- During PICU stay – drug reaction, pneumothorax requiring ICC, feed intolerance, failed decannulation, L vocal cord palsy



PICU: Case Study Abi

More importantly from OT perspective.....

- 6 year old girl who lives with her parents and older brother
 - Loves her big brother!!!
- Started prep this year – enjoys, seems to be progressing appropriately
- Independent/age-appropriate ADL pre-admission
- Loves soccer and karate
- Loves unicorns, rainbows, and “Frozen”
- Loves arts and crafts - particularly glitter and sparkles



OT Role Abi

- Initial Ax – getting to know Abi
- Review biomechanical risks – including splinting and positioning needs
- Arousal/responses – early communication and graded cognitive engagement
- Supporting parent (family) involvement in cares





OT Role Abi

- Promoting daily routines, predictability
- Motivation/mood
- Tolerance of cares/procedures
- Play opportunities – including UL use, positioning, fun!
- Grading participation in ADL (including equipment as needed)





Discussion
&
Questions?





Summary:

- Set-up the environment for success
- Provide developmentally appropriate opportunities/experiences
- Position to allow movement/function
- Regulate stimulation level
- Mobilize early and often
- Identify Red Flags
- Engage parents and family in care early & often
- Utilize interprofessional expertise (OT, PT, SLP, CLS, MT, RAT)



Hot tips / Ideas for starting out

- Consider what gets "foot in the door"?
- It's OK to start small
- Partner with other more established disciplines
- Follow patients from ward to ICU?
- "Liberation" (ABCDEF/bundled approach)
 - gives wonderful opportunity for OT... other clinicians are "talking our language"
- Being present and visible: Attend IPP/Education rounds & present cases
- Education: RN, Resident orientation



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