

An Agenda for Occupational Therapy's Contribution to Collaborative Chronic Disease Research

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

occupational therapy

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - Canada

Why was it conducted at all?

To meet the needs of adults with chronic diseases, Canadian health care is moving toward more interdisciplinary, collaborative practice. There is limited high-quality evidence to support practice in this area. Occupational therapists can play a significant role in this area of practice and research.

What was the objective?

to develop an agenda of priority areas within collaborative chronic disease research to which occupational therapy can make a contribution

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 7 research areas

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

meeting; survey

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: literature review. Step 2: exchange event/meeting: to develop a draft agenda of priority research areas within collaborative chronic disease prevention and management to which occupational therapy can make a contribution: participants received results of literature review prior to meeting, participants identified current strengths and gaps in the research, then potential research priority areas brainstormed, group identified over 40 potential research priority areas, followed by brainstorming of specific research questions. Step 3: survey: to validate and refine the draft research agenda, participants were asked to rate importance. Step 4: synthesis: synthesizing findings into research agenda

Which stakeholders took part?

Researchers, occupational therapists, chronic disease organizations, health professional associations, research funders, Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists members. Meeting: 16 participants: researchers (n=5), occupational therapists (n=3), chronic disease organizations (n=3), health professional associations (n=4), and research funders (n=1). Survey: 311 occupational therapists.

How were stakeholders recruited?

The survey was posted on the CAOT website and e-mails were sent on two occasions to all members (N=6,410).

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.