

Evidence Exchange Reviewing a Critically Appraised Paper

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Thanks so much for your interest in becoming a CAP reviewer for the Evidence Exchange, a central repository for high-quality, evidence-based literature reviews and related resources. Information on becoming a CAP reviewer is available on the Evidence Exchange page of the Evidence-Based Practice & Research section of the

AOTA Web site, at www.aota.org/

Exchange.aspx. This page includes

links to the online application process,

and a timeline for when applications

are accepted throughout the year.

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CAP reviewers must have at least 1 year of postgraduation experience in addition to being familiar with reading and critically appraising research literature. Those who apply and are accepted as reviewers commit to the project based on their available time. CAP reviewers have the important responsibility of providing quality control for the Evidence Exchange, and there are several steps involved with becoming a CAP reviewer. The first step is to complete an online CAP reviewer application. The second step is to participate in an online training program specially designed for the Evidence Exchange, Online trainees:

- Complete a self-study program in a PowerPoint format.
- Take a guided tour of reviewing a CAP.
- Complete a trial CAP review.

in the 1-Minute Update and OT Practice, and I am interested in getting involved in reviewing a Critically Appraised Paper (CAP). I've been in clinical practice for 2 years, and I'm familiar with evidence-based practice through my occupational therapy education. I read research articles regularly and I'm somewhat comfortable with the critical appraisal process. Can you please provide some information about the CAP review process and the criteria for applying to be a CAP reviewer?



Information on becoming a CAP reviewer is available at www.aota.org/Practice/Researchers/Evidence-Exchange.aspx.

The online training program outlines the steps involved in the CAP review process and provides potential reviewers with experience reviewing a CAP. Potential reviewers receive feedback from the Evidence Exchange administrator on the results of their trial CAP reviews and performance, and they have the opportunity to achieve mastery in this skill set. The self-study program takes approximately 2 to 3 hours. The trial CAP review process takes an additional 2 to 3 hours. The length of time for both components varies based on the reviewer's knowledge, training, and experience in evidence-based practice. Following successful completion of the training process, the applicant is added to our growing pool of CAP reviewers. Current CAP reviewers report that it takes approximately 2 to 3 hours to complete each CAP review.

All areas of occupational therapy practice are represented within the ranks of CAP reviewers. We are fortunate to have clinicians, educators, and researchers participating in the program. Most importantly, all reviewers share a commitment that all CAPs accepted for inclusion in the Evidence Exchange are of excellent quality.

The Evidence Exchange is growing, and we welcome the participation of additional qualified members to make sure that it continues to thrive and expand. ■

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