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11:00 am–12:00 pm

Occupational Therapy and the 5Ms

Marianne Hassen, MA, OTR/L, Concept Rehab, Toledo, OH

Occupational therapy is uniquely positioned to address the Geriatric 5Ms (What Matters Most, Mentation, Mobility, Medications, and Multi-complexity), promoting meaningful participation and person-centered care for older adults across rehabilitation settings.

12:15 pm–1:15 pm

The Occupational Profile as a Strategic Imperative: Advancing Value-Based Care and Health Equity Through Occupation-Centered Practice

Sabrena McCarley, MBA-SL, OTR/L, CLIPP, RAC-CT, QCP, FAOTA, RAC-CTA, Ensign Services, Napa, CA

In an era defined by value-based care and a growing focus on health equity, occupational therapy practitioners must clearly demonstrate their distinct contribution to outcomes that matter. This session explores the Occupational Profile as a strategic tool that enables practitioners to deliver person-centered, equitable, and outcomes-driven care. Participants will learn how elevating the use of the Occupational Profile strengthens clinical reasoning, improves quality and value, and reinforces occupational therapy's essential role in contemporary health care.

1:15 pm–2:15 pm Lunch Break

2:15 pm–3:15 pm

Occupational Therapy and Behavioral Health

Linda Riccio, OT/L, FAOTA, TCM Consulting and Management, Carmel, CA

An occupational therapy-centered framework demonstrating how occupational therapy drives behavioral health outcomes through functional assessment, life skills training, routines, and interdisciplinary collaboration to support stabilization and community reintegration.

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Occupational Therapy's Impact on Quality Programs in Home Health

Ciera Whitmore, OTR/L, COS-C, Stillwater Medical Center, Stillwater, OK

Occupational therapy strengthens home health quality, improves outcomes, and supports value-based care by addressing ADLs, medication management, and fall prevention while advancing policy solutions that expand occupational therapy's role in Medicare home health.

4:30 pm–5:30 pm

Advancing Quality Through Occupational Therapy: A Panel on Advocacy and Engagement

Carol Siebert, OTD, OT/L, FAOTA, The Home Remedy, Chapel Hill, NC; Natalie E. Leland, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA, FGSA, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; Emily Barr, OTD, MBA, OTR/L, BCG, Lutheran Family Services, Omaha, NE; Jamar Haggans, OTR/L, CPHQ, AOTA, Bethesda, MD

Occupational therapy practitioners share real-world experiences advocating for occupational therapy's role in quality initiatives across healthcare. This panel explores lessons learned, practical strategies, and ways organizations can better support and engage occupational therapy practitioners in quality-driven initiatives.

