



## Model of Human Occupation

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#### Assessments for Identifying Strengths and Problems

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Hello all

We're a group of occupational therapists working at a facility for adults with primarily cerebral palsy. The people living here are in need of help 24 hours a day and their occupational performance is limited, though it defers from client to client. Some of the residents living here can't even move a finger while others have work and are able to express themselves verbally. Though for the most part, it's difficult for them to speak and many of them uses different kind of communication assessment tools.

We're currently in a phase of developing a process model for occupational therapy at our facility and we're trying out the OTIPM but we're having a bit of a problem choosing a proper tool for identifying strengths and problems. Earlier we have tried using COPM, but its very difficult for our clients to rate the meaningfulness of the occupations, we have tried with colours and smileys, but it's not working. We're also wondering that maybe the COPM is focusing too much on the problems, that we already know that they can't overcome ??

Later in the process we're thinking of using the Volitional Questionnaire and MOHOST.

Our question is does anyone have any experiences working with this type of clients? And which assessments did you find effective? Especially in the process of identifying strengths and problems.

Thanks

Sara Falkenberg

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For kids the COSA is incredible- I believe that the adult version (OSA) is similarly easy to use and provides useful information

Leon Comeau

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We used the OTIPM to create the structure of a program where I formerly worked in a school based setting and it worked incredibly. The MOHO tools compliment AMPS, School AMPS and now ESI perfectly

Leon Comeau