



## Model of Human Occupation

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**April 24, 2009**

Hi

I am an OT student and gathering evidence for my dissertation on the effectiveness of the OT role in rehabilitation in oncology and palliative care. I would value any feedback from any OT working in this area and interventions and which tools you find most useful from MOHO.

I look forward to hearing from you

Shayne Bird

**April 27, 2009**

I just got back from AOTA conference and there was a session there on using MOHO to guide thinking about our role in working with breast cancer patients, specifically focusing on role adjustments, volition, and environmental/ADL adaptations for fatigue and weakness. It is clear there is a lot of applicability and the model works very well with this population. It was a survey of cancer survivors though, not a real program, so assessments didn't come up. Gail

**April 28, 2009**

Hi Shayne: It would be good if you specify the age group taht you work with, so I could be more specific.

In the mean time I strongly reccomend the OPHI-II as a narrative and comprehensive interview (links past, present, and future in a continuum of occupational participation and adaptation, validates and gives people possibilities to reflect around their own sense of life and meaning for present and future) . MOHOST could give you good overall information about occupational participation in any setting and the possibility to organize and integrate personal and environmental factors that influence participation. Then, according to this you can select other MOHO tools ( if you really need them, hopefully observational) that in your judgement are a requeriment to clarify some issues identified. Both tools give you an opportunity of outcomes measure (in different ways). Both includes such important personal and environmental factors.

Depending on how is the emotional, mental and physical status of the person (performance capacity, objective) you might want to decide with which of these tools you begin.

With children I recommend COSA, PVQ, SCOPE.

Warm hug

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