



Model of Human Occupation

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MOHOST as a Screening Tool in an Acute Inpatient Mental Health Unit

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Hi,

I'm an OT working in an acute inpatient psychiatric unit in Sydney, Australia. I've recently started using the MOHOST as a screening tool for each new client. I'm wondering if it is valid to use the MOHOST to assess occupational behaviours in activities that are not task oriented, for example participation in the client morning meeting and level of involvement in the ward relapse prevention group?

Thanks,

Moses

May 5, 2009

Hi Moses,

An unusual aspect of the MOHOST is that allows you to gather information from multiples sources - anything that helps you to 'get to know' the person. So yes, - please include all the information that you have gathered if it adds to the assessment of their occupational participation.

It may also be worth adding, however, that many practitioners would feel unable to complete the MOHOST without having directly observed of the person engaging in an activity that provided opportunities for using tools/objects - task-oriented activities as you describe them. Also I would strongly advise ensuring that meaningful activities, whether task-oriented or socially-oriented be offered.

Best wishes,

Sue Parkinson

May 6, 2009

Hi Moses, yes any source of information is fine for the MOHOST as long as you feel you have the information necessary to score the instrument

Gary Kielhofner

May 8, 2009

hi,
thanks for the great feedback everyone.

moses