



## Model of Human Occupation

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#### OPHI-II Ratings

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**July 14, 2009**

Hi All,

I have began looking into using the OPHI-II and feeling very positive about what this can contribute to my practice. Im just familiarising myself with the ratings and p45 of the manual had me confused.

It describes a client who has chosen and finds satisfying a lifestyle of crime. The item being scored is 'Identifies a desired occupational lifestyle'. The manual describes how the therapist is unable to use the criteria as a guide to rate and therefore uses the ratings. The client is therefore rated as a 1 which indicates extreme occupational functioning problem.

My initial reaction was that the ratings could be used and that I would score a 4, as the client does identify a desired occupational lifestyle. The criteria descriptors for 4 could capture this? I would however comment on this score and explain the situation. If they did infact dislike this lifestyle then I would see myself rating a 1.

Can anyone help me clarify?

Many Thanks

Lisa Tibbetts

**July 20, 2009**

Hi Lisa,

Should the emphasis be on desired? ... as in 'socially desirable'?

Sue Parkinson

**July 21, 2009**

Hello Lisa, just a bit of clarification. In developing the criteria for the OPHI, we took many situations from practice and tried to incorporate those that were most common. We recognize that they are only "general guides" and always secondary to clinical judgement combined with an understanding of the underlying concepts. This item is related to

occupational identity which refers to the clients' sense of occupational self that includes values, interests, personal causation, routines, roles and skills. These all contribute to adaptation when the client is able to meet reasonable demands and expectations and capitalize on opportunities and resources of the environment. This client has a desired lifestyle that fails to do the former and as a result is incarcerated. So we would consider it not adaptive. In this case one would give the rating of 1 for that reason based on judgement and also write a comment, as you suggested, to clarify why an alternative criteria to that listed was used.

Hope this helps

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