



## Model of Human Occupation

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#### Female Offenders

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Hi there,

We are two OT's who work within a Forensic service in Australia. We work across the psychiatric unit in the Female Prison and in an acute women's unit in a Forensic Hospital.

We are keen to look into exploring if there is any differences in function that women with a personality disorder may have when they are in different environments (e.g. correctional or hospital setting).

We are looking into which assessments we could implement to best capture any changes in function (if any). In particular, are there any specific skills or subsets of skills which either improve or deteriorate depending on the setting. We are currently using the MoHOST and the ACIS as observation based assessments on admission, discharge and transfer between the settings - with the aim that we might be able to track a person's skill use over several environments and identify any key factors for skill changes. We were wondering if anyone had used any other assessments that they have found beneficial for this population?

We were also wondering if anybody had any articles or references that would benefit our understanding of this population? Especially if any are from an OT particular or functional background - so far we have found IOTs of theory and research on risk assessment and management but very little on function or the impact the environment can have on a woman with a personality disorder.

Thanks,

Marissa and Lyndal

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Dear Marissa: I think the MOHOST and ACIS are very well chosen for your purpose. In fact the skills that might be more affected in these women are the Communication Interaction Skills (just talking about occupational performance).

Through our experience in Latinamerica we have chosen as first tool The OPHI-II. This tool as I allways comment, integrates so clearly the identity and competency, plus a brief

look to the environmental impact and their relationship through the person occupational history, and gives an understanding of which aspects impact communication and interaction skills from person's perspective. We have selected the items of the OPHI-II which impact more in the attitude toward change which is a very important issue to consider. We apply the OPHI-II as future measure in periods of six-eight month intervals sometimes within a year. This period of time depends on the intensity of MOHO interventions with people, specially working with remotivation process and environmental factors in detail.

I would suggest you continue using MOHOST but instead of using the OCAIRS questions as an interview , use the OPHI-II.

Other useful assessments have been the Role Checklist, the WEIS, OSA, VQ.

MOHO has been applied in Chile for a long time with these population, and I have trained even the guards and policeman on it. They have called me sometimes to insist on training OTs in OPHI-II as one of the most effective tools. Unfortunately all work done is documented in spanish.

good luck

love

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