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#### OCAIRS query

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**June 10, 2008**

Hi,

I have a query re; the use of the Ocairs Assessment. We are currently reviewing our OT process and aiming to utilize the Ocairs as our initial assessment, as it explores so many important areas of occupational performance. We have designed an initial assessment report form, which would include all the Ocairs headings as indicated on the data summary form outlined in the Ocairs manual (Appendix F). Further to this the report would indicate an occupational therapy plan (similar to data summary form appendix G). This data would be collected using a variety of sources (observation, interview and general existing knowledge of the patient), and would be guided by the questions outlined in the manual. However we would also like to include other information on the initial assessment report form which are an important part of our assessment, such as risk, mental state and section status. My query therefore is; if we include additional information alongside the ocairs findings, can we still present our findings as a report on a standardised assessment? Or if we sway from the exact summary form presented in the manual, does this reduce its validity as a standardised assessment? I am aware that certain standardised assessments require the practitioner to utilize the exact form as presented in the manual, however the Ocairs seems a little more obscure and the forms seem to be presented more as guidelines, am I correct in this assumption? If anyone has any comments or insight on this I would greatly appreciate it, as we would really like to introduce a more standardised approach to assessment, however do not want to claim to be presenting the results of the Ocairs assessment, if we have went against the manual guidelines. Further to the above, we would include the scores for each subsection - however I was wondering if it is essential to score the assessment, or if this is an additional option.

I look forward to receiving your comments and perspectives on this issue,

kind regards,

Maria Gleeson

**June 11, 2008**

Hi Maria,

your question is a good one. We encourage therapists to "report" findings in the most useful way. Standardization refers to how you

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obtain the information and how you get any scores you report. But reporting what you learn about a client should reflect local needs for documentation. in the latest MOHO test (fourth edition) we discuss documentation and give examples of how different formats can be used to report a single assessment

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