

## From the Editor

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Colleague and friend Dr. Charles Christiansen, EdD, OTR/L wrote when he was Vice President of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), *“There are no facts about the future, only possibilities. These possibilities arise from our knowledge of trends, from our experiences, and from our imagination about how the world could be. Our vision of these possibilities helps us create the future we want.”*

The articles contained in this issue of *WORK* can help us to create the future we want. The issue leads off with Vachon, Drand and LeBlanc’s important article on empowering occupational therapists to become evidence-based work rehabilitation practitioners. Irrespective of your profession, we all need to be evidence-based practitioners. Reading articles contained in the monthly issues of *WORK* is good step towards that objective.

This issue continues with an interesting article on ergonomic design ably written by researchers Haque and Ali Khan from India. Like these authors, it is important that we use our knowledge, skills, and creativity to design products that take into account human abilities, characteristics, and limitations.

Other articles look at a variety of topics such as job satisfaction; professional supervision; emotions behind successful return to work; improved injury management; relationships with family, coworkers and friends and practices and beliefs regarding employment and safety of teenage employees.

Finally, the issue concludes with an important article on the Honolulu Heart Program which investigated occupational exposures to pesticides, metals, and solvents and 30-year mortality.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and look forward to your submissions to *WORK*. Whether you conduct research, critically analyze the evidence literature or share a case study, you, too, can contribute to *creating the future you want*.

Cheers  
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