

From the Editor

The 16th International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) in collaboration with the 48th Japanese Occupational Therapy Association Congress and Expo will be held in Yokohama, Japan in June 2014. In celebration of this upcoming Congress, this issue contains a special section entitled *Work in Japan*. The special section was guest edited by Dr. Emiko Kikuchi, who is a professor in occupational therapy at Teikyo Heisei University in Tokyo, Japan. The special section contains eight articles which are introduced by Dr. Kikuchi in her *From the Guest Editor*. I would like to acknowledge her dedication to making this special section a reality. I know you will find the articles very interesting.

The remainder of the issue contains eight manuscripts on a variety of topics written by authors from around the globe. Köksal, Erginöz, Özçelik, Sayman, and Sipahioğlu authored an interesting article on employment related factors in Turkish women which underscores the impact of environmental factors such as smoking and exposure to levels of lead on health.

Patient/client handling is considered a high-risk activity both for the person being transferred and the caregiver/health care worker. Dr. Geiger adds to this growing body of knowledge with her description of establishing a physical therapist-driven model of safe patient handling and movement programs in a general hospital.

Musculoskeletal pain and disorders are addressed in two articles. Researchers Kvam, Eide, and Vik discuss the experiences of participation in vocational rehabilitation by a population of individuals with chronic musculoskeletal pain. This article offers some additional insight into vocational rehabilitation which is

a major focus of the special section devoted to *Work in Japan*. Sjöström, Asplund, and Alricsson discuss a 5-year follow-up which evaluates a multidisciplinary rehabilitation program with an emphasis on musculoskeletal disorders.

Jung, Lee, and Kim share a case study of a female golf caddy in South Korea as an example to predict job stress.

Dr. Navah Ratzon and colleagues, Eynat Ben Ari (Shevil), Paul Froom, Sharon Friedman and Yehuda Amit discuss using the functional capacity evaluation of work performance among individuals with pelvic injuries following motor vehicle accidents.

Vestling, Ramel and Iwarsson describe the thoughts and experiences from returning to work after stroke.

Baker, Livengood, and Jacobs investigate the reliability and concurrent validity of the computer workstation checklist.

This issue also includes a Speaking of Research article on specialized housing and transportation needs of adults with multiple sclerosis which was authored by Roessler, Bishop, Rumrill, Sheppard-Jones, Waletich, Umeasiegbu and Bishop.

Thank you for reading the articles contained in this very interesting issue of *WORK*.

As always, I welcome hearing from you and hope you will consider submitting a manuscript to *WORK*.

Cheers,

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