

From the Editor

I write this *From the Editor* after returning from the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) Capital Hill Day. This is a yearly event where occupational therapy practitioners and students come to Washington, DC to meet with their legislators and their respective legislative correspondents/chief of staff to advocate for the profession of occupational therapy. This year, we advocated for support of the Medicare Outpatient Therapy Caps legislation and Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2013 (S.367/H.R.713), which seeks to repeal the outpatient therapy caps that limit access to medically necessary rehabilitation services such as occupational therapy; and for letters of support for the inclusion of occupational therapy in the new certified behavior health clinics included in the Excellence in Mental Health Act. Over 550 individuals participated in Capital Hill Day with many more actively advocating for these issues through a virtual platform.

Being an advocate for issues of importance to ourselves as professionals and citizens as well as for the clients we serve is so important. To assist in these advocacy activities is the support of evidence-based literature such as published in *WORK*.

This issue contains two sections. The first is on *Green Ergonomics*. For those unfamiliar with this area, green ergonomics is combining sustainability and ergonomics. This specific section has been co-edited

by Drs. Dorsey, Hedge, and Miller, who set the stage for this important growing body of knowledge in their *From the Co-Guest Editors*. My congratulations are extended to these three exemplary professionals.

The other section of this issue contains an assortment of articles on a variety of topics – enhancing vocational outcomes, returning to work after long term illness, improving car passengers' comfort – to name a few. The issue concludes with our *Speaking of Research* column. This well received column helps advance a better understanding of the many complexities of research such as examining the factor structure of the Multiple Sclerosis Impact Scale.

I encourage you to submit your manuscripts to *WORK*. We welcome your research, scholarly work, case studies, literature reviews and narratives. Also, we welcome you joining us as an external reviewer of manuscripts for *WORK*.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

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