

## From the Editor

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Suicidal behavior is a major problem globally and accounts for 1.4% of all deaths worldwide. In 2015, it was the 17th leading cause of death ([http://www.who.int/mental\\_health/prevention/suicide/suicideprevent/en/](http://www.who.int/mental_health/prevention/suicide/suicideprevent/en/)). Factors such as mental illness, substance abuse, painful losses, exposure to violence, and social isolation are suggested as the causes of suicide. The World Health Organization (WHO) calls for a coordinated action to reduce suicides (<http://www.who.int/news-room/detail/04-09-2014-first-who-report-on-suicide-prevention>). “Effective and evidence-based interventions can be implemented at population, sub-population and individual levels to prevent suicide and suicide attempts. Suicide prevention efforts seek to:

- Reduce factors that increase the risk for suicidal thoughts and behaviors
- Increase the factors that help strengthen, support, and protect individuals from suicide” (<https://www.samhsa.gov/suicide-prevention>).

Although suicide is a major problem globally, there has been relatively little empirical attention to this phenomenon (Orden, K., Witte, T., Cukrowicz, K., Braithwaite, S., Selby, E. & Joiner, T, 2010). I introduce this *From the Editor* on suicide to encourage scholars and clinicians to submit their research on suicide prevention to **WORK**. We welcome supporting the dissemination of your work.

This issue of **WORK** contains 15 articles. Some topics include a cross-sectional study on job satisfaction and its related factors among dentists; wheelchair accessibility of mosques in Riyadh; policy barriers to evidence-based practices in vocational rehabilitation for people with psychiatric disabilities in New Zealand; an evaluation of the inter-rater and intra-rater reliability of OccuPro’s functional capacity evaluation; and work stress, personality traits, and cortisol secretion: testing a model for job burnout. The issue concludes with the editorial *Sounding Board* article, *Employees’ adherence to worksite*

*physical activity programs: profiles of compliers versus non-compliers.*

I hope you can join us for our 2018 **Learn at WORK** webinar series which is presented in cooperation with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES). Here are the upcoming webinars:

Wednesday, 22 August 2018, 1-2 pmEST

*A pilot study to precisely quantify forces applied by sonographers while scanning: A step toward reducing ergonomic injury*

Dhyani Manish & Shawn Roll

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4197487179777464065>

Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 1-2 pmEST

*Psychosocial risks, burnout and intention to quit following the introduction of new software at work*

Mouna Knani

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5356945280898533378>

Wednesday, 24 October 2018, 1-2 pmEST

*Occupational therapists’ experience of workplace fatigue: Issues and action*

Cary A. Brown, Jennifer Schell & Lisa M. Pashniak

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4363076931463859203>

Wednesday, 28 November 2018, 1-2 pmEST

*A scoping review on smart mobile devices and physical strain*

Patricia Tegtmeier

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/920484034664805891>

If you missed any of the **Learn at WORK** webinars, you can find the recordings at the *Learn at WORK* YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJaICXvSg9fPHaFFs48PuQ> You can

view the complete schedule on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WORKJournal2016/?fref=ts>

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

All my best,

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