

MALTESE JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Introduction

The Maltese Journal of Occupational Therapy (MJOT) is the official journal of the Malta Association of Occupational Therapists (MAOT). The aim of this publication is to encourage dissemination of research evidence, book reviews, sharing of professional/work experiences and to encourage discussion and debate on current local/international OT practice.

MJOT is a biannual peer-reviewed publication through which MAOT continues to be recognised as a full member by World Federation of Occupational Therapists. This is essential for the development and growth of the profession.

Types of Submission

- Research papers (4,500 words)
- Critical reviews (4,500 words)
- Practice analysis/ Professional work experiences (2,000) words
- Opinion piece/ position paper (1,500 words)
- Editorials (500 words)
- Book reviews (500 words)
- Letters to the editor

Important Points:

- The paper/article must neither be previously published nor under consideration for publication by another journal
- The paper/article should be submitted as a Microsoft Word file, using font Times New Roman 12 and double spaced.
- The paper/article should be referenced according to the APA system.
- Any conflict of interest such as source of funding for research studies etc needs to be acknowledged
- Consent forms for the participation of human subjects during research studies and ethical approval letters need to be submitted with the paper/article prior to peer reviewing
- Consent forms that allow the use of pictures and diagrams that have been previously published by other authors need to be submitted with the paper/article
- The author must include key words related to the article, to facilitate indexing
- Short acknowledgement note may be included.
- The author must include contact details that s/he wishes to be published and the date of submission.
- An anonymised copy of the paper / article should also be submitted to enable a double-blind peer review process to take place.

Peer-review

Papers/articles submitted to the Maltese Journal of Occupational Therapy will be reviewed by the editor to determine whether its content is relevant to the journal and whether it complies with the submission guidelines. Therefore a double-blinded peer review process will take place. The two selected peer reviewers will analyse the technical and ethical aspects of the anonymous paper / article. They will review the work independently of each other. Following

peer review, the author might be asked for revision. This does not mean that the manuscript will then be automatically accepted for publication, but would need to be reviewed again by the same reviewers prior to publication. The author will be given a copy of the final version and asked for verification. In case that the two reviewers do not agree on the quality or suitability of a specific manuscript a third reviewer will be involved in this process.

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