**Call for papers: Special Issue: Cancer rehabilitation**

**Deadline: July 1, 2020**

Cancer is not a single disease, but rather a collection of diseases characterized by the abnormal growth of cells (Mukherjee, 2010). As cancer treatments have evolved, cancer has come to be viewed as a chronic illness that can affect people for years after initial treatment (Phillips & Currow, 2010). The lived experience of cancer and its treatment can have a profound and wide-ranging effect on routines and daily occupations. Occupational therapy providers may encounter cancer survivors in many different realms of practice. Further, cancer rehabilitation is a growing area of practice (Lyons et al., 2019) and more occupational therapy practitioners are needed within this specialty. This special issue will explore the contemporary practice of cancer rehabilitation.

*Occupational Therapy in Health Care* (*OTHC*) is an international peer-reviewed quarterly journal that focuses on innovations in client evaluations and treatments, current research findings, reviews of current textbooks, and descriptions of novel programs. In addition, OTHC publishes thematic issues that address topics of importance. This special thematic issue will focus on cancer rehabilitation.

Drs. Kathleen Lyons and Lynne Murphy are delighted to be the guest editors of this special OTHC issue. Our intent is to publish this special issue on the topic cancer rehabilitation in April 2021. We welcome submissions that support advancing the knowledge of occupational therapy evaluation and intervention in oncology.

We seek a broad range of original contributions including, but not limited to original research, case studies, historical perspectives, systematic reviews, book reviews, and commentaries. Submissions may address a wide range of topics including, but not limited to:

* Innovative models of service delivery
* Ways to measure functional outcomes within clinical practice
* Implementation of evidence-based cancer rehabilitation interventions
* Development and testing of cancer rehabilitation strategies
* Community-based cancer rehabilitation programs
* Policies impacting people living with cancer
* Description of work-related challenges experienced by people with cancer or return-to work interventions
* Challenges affecting service provision for people being treated for cancer
* Collaboration between professions in cancer rehabilitation
* Gaps in education and training of occupational therapy practitioners
* Cancer rehabilitation across the lifespan (i.e., targeting pediatric, adolescent, adult, or geriatric populations)
* Cancer rehabilitation anywhere along the treatment continuum from prehabilitation, through treatment and survivorship into end of life.

**Submission Instructions**

Guidelines for submission can be viewed at <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=iohc20>

All papers will be peer-reviewed through a double-blind peer-review process.

Original, unpublished manuscripts should be submitted online at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/WOHC> by July 1, 2020.

When submitting your manuscript, please be sure to indicate that it is to be considered for the special issue on cancer rehabilitation in your cover letter.

Any papers accepted for publication that are not included in the special issue will be published in a regular issue of the journal. Specific inquiries can be directed to Dr. Anne Dickerson, editor of OTHC at dickersona@ecu.edu.

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