

A new column - “A Point of View”

“A point of view” will allow IJOT readers to interact and respond to articles published in the journal and can include the following types of submissions: responses to articles previously published in IJOT, book recommendations and reviews and the introduction of new areas of interest in occupational therapy research and intervention. This column is intended to enable its authors to present their personal points of view, and therefore it is important that this be reflected in how the column is worded and that no more than two authors are involved per submission. Each column will be reviewed by the editors of the journal. The editors have the right to accept or reject articles. In the event that an article is rejected, a letter of explanation will be sent to the author/s.

Guidelines for the different types of submissions to this column:

Type 1: Responses to articles in the journal

A short submission may be sent in response to recently published articles. Only articles from the last two journals will be considered. The column is intended to serve as a forum to express personal views connected to the subject and content of recently published articles.

The submission should be 4-5 pages long and include: (a) a paragraph that briefly and succinctly summarizes the original article and includes the exact reference to that article; (b) the body of the article whereby the author states his/her main argument, opinion and further develops ideas referred to in the original article; and (c) a summary paragraph.

- The author’s opinion may be in favor of or against the ideas expressed in the original article.
- The response can relate to theoretical concepts connected to the original article.
- The response can relate to the research or intervention methods discussed in the original article.
- The response can relate to further dilemmas or issues raised by the original article.

Formatting the Submission

- The submission should have at least three (3) references to the original work.
- The submission should be formatted according to IJOT and APA-6 guidelines.
- The submission should be written in a professional, courteous and topical manner.

The author of the original article will be offered an opportunity to respond to the submissions in the next issue of the Journal.

Type 2: Book recommendations and reviews

IJOT has included a regularly published column for book recommendations and reviews for the past several years. However, this new column now offers the wider reading public to submit recommendations and reviews of books that would be of interest to the readers of

IJOT. The books to be reviewed should be professional works, written in Hebrew or English, on topics in the field of occupational therapy or related disciplines, which contribute to our professional body of knowledge.

- The submission should include: (a) the full title of the book, the author/s and or the editor/s names, the year and city in which it was published and the book publishers; (b) a review that covers the contents of the book, including the main topics and chapters within; and (c) the author/s personal perspective on the book and its contents. Previous reviews can be mentioned and the writer is encouraged to include his/her personal opinions and critique. In addition, the submitting author/s should include a brief summary of the strengths and/or weakness of the book, whether or not the book be recommended for readers as well as the suggested reading audience.

Formatting the submission

- The submission should be two (2) pages in length.
- It should be formatted according to IJOT and APA-6 guidelines.

Type 3: Presentation of new areas of interest in occupational therapy research and intervention

This column will provide an opportunity to expose IJOT readers to new, exciting and interesting areas of practice presented in conferences, seminars, forums, internet articles and correspondence.

The column can include various topics that would contribute to new or different perspectives on relevant areas of occupational therapy intervention, research, and methods of instruction.

The submission should be no more than four (4) pages long and must include: (a) an opening paragraph describing the topic of the submission and how the author was first exposed to the topic; (b) a short literature review of the topic (2-3 relevant articles that strengthen the validity of the topic being introduced); (c) the author/s opinion/s with respect to the relevance of the topic and how it broadens or adds to the professional knowledge base of the occupational therapy community; and (d) a short summary.

It may include recommended readings and/ or references to sources of further information.

Formatting the submission

- The submission should be formatted according to IJOT and APA-6 guidelines.