



Occupational Therapists' Restricted Scope of Practice

The restrictions on scope of practice for Occupational Therapists are broadly defined below.

Scope of Practice	Definitions
Physical dysfunction / Adults and older adults	The prevention, assessment and treatment of living skill problems arising primarily from physical conditions in adults and older adults.
Mental health dysfunction / Adults and older adults	The prevention, assessment and treatment of living skill problems arising primarily from mental health conditions in adults and older adults.
Infants, children and adolescent	The prevention, assessment and treatment of living skill problems arising primarily from developmental, physical or mental health conditions in infants, children and adolescents.
Environmental re-design and assistive technologies / All age groups	<p>Environmental re-design refers to assessment and modification to enhance an individual's safe access to the environment where he/she may perform living skills related to daily living, community living, work, leisure or play. This includes the home, work environment, school and community.</p> <p>In environmental re-design, assistive technologies or devices may be prescribed to enable the highest possible level of functional performance in living skills. Examples include aids to daily living (for eating, dressing, bathing and toileting), seating and mobility aids (such as manual or powered wheelchairs, scooters or car/driving adaptations) and environmental control units (such electronic switches using EMG, ocular movements or sip and puff mechanism to control the television, computers or powered mobility).</p>