OTR’s and COTA’s- Are you an Occupational Therapy Scholar- an OT Author or OT Presenter?

If your answer to the question above is “yes”, you are cordially invited to participate in an anonymous online survey on the SurveyMonkey platform entitled “Insights from OT Scholars: Authors and Presenters.” The primary investigator is Dr. Grace Fisher, Professor of Occupational Therapy at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. Additional investigators are the following graduate occupational therapy students at Misericordia University: Deidre DeLuca, Austin Hargraves, Christina Micholik, Minke Pheiffer, Marekait Schintz, Ashley Ryno, Jessica Shober, and Lauren Stover. Currently in 2021 the need for research evidence supporting OT practice continues. Information obtained in this survey will identify key factors limiting and promoting scholarship, as well as recommendations for scholarly success. We seek to ultimately inspire the production of scholarly occupational therapy presentations and publications.

Inclusion Criteria: All respondents must: (a) be 18 years of age or over, (b) live in the U.S., (c) be able to read and write in English, (d) have presented at a professional OT conference OR have authored or co-authored a published report in a peer reviewed OT journal, and (e) have been certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) either now or in the past.

Time Required: Participation will require approximately 10 minutes for anonymous survey completion.

Benefits and Risks: It is hoped the study findings will help to inform the OT profession, via submission to a professional presentation or publication, about the challenges of scholarship. There is a very slight psychological risk of respondents becoming anxious and emotionally upset during their participation in the survey as they reflect upon their experiences. However, respondents may stop their survey participation at any time before submitting it.

Informed Consent and Survey: If you are willing to participate, please proceed to the informed consent information and survey at this link or QR Code:

[Insert QR Code]

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTXJRB5

Please kindly consider forwarding this invitation to other OT authors and presenters you may know. Please direct any questions about this research to the Principal Investigator Dr. Grace Fisher at gfisher@misericordia.edu or 570-674-8015. You may also contact the Misericordia University IRB at 570-674-6218 or via e-mail at irb@misericordia.edu concerning project IRB-2021-0151. Please do not direct questions to someone else who may have graciously shared this invitation.

Thank you very much for considering this invitation!

Sincerely,
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