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Perceptions of The Occupational Performance Inventory of Sexuality and Intimacy Scoring in Lower Extremity Amputees

Abstract

Introduction

The Occupational Performance Inventory of Sexuality and Intimacy (OPISI) was created to screen, assess, and measure sexuality and intimacy in relation to occupation. Existing literature discusses amputees and their return to daily life routines, but there is little dealing with their need for sexual intimacy once discharged from a rehabilitation program.

Purpose

The purpose of this study will be to explore clinicians' perceptions of the OPISI in relation to addressing intimacy and sexual self-efficacy following LE amputation. Our study addresses the following research questions: 1) How do occupational therapy practitioners rate their comfort level with addressing sexuality and intimacy with clients following LE amputation? 2) How do OT practitioners perceive use of the OPISI with clients to address and treat sexuality and intimacy following LE amputation?

Methodology

This study will use a mixed-methods design to explore therapists' use of the OPISI to address intimacy and sexual self-efficacy with clients with LE amputations. A survey including Likert scale and open-ended questions will be used to gather data on therapists' experiences. Participants will be recruited through online forums and social media at the local, state, and national level, including Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association and American Occupational Therapy Association forums.

Findings

Data collection is in progress and findings will be reported in the poster presentation. Our qualitative data will be written responses to the survey. Quantitative data from Likert scale questions will be analyzed using descriptive statistics. Data will be examined to explore therapists' experiences addressing sexuality and intimacy with individuals with LE amputation, using the OPISI or other occupation-based tools.

Contribution to Occupational Therapy

The OPISI was created to fill gaps in the literature. Understanding and examining use of the OPISI will help to establish a more research-based evaluation and intervention plan for improvement of intimacy and sexuality at home.