

WORLD FEDERATION of OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (WFOT)

CODE OF ETHICS

This code describes the general categories of appropriate conduct for occupational therapists in any professional circumstance. It is understood that each member association will have a detailed code of ethics particular to its needs.

Personal Attributes

Occupational therapists demonstrate personal integrity, reliability, open-mindedness and loyalty in all aspects of their professional role.

Responsibility towards the Recipient of Occupational Therapy Services

Occupational therapists approach all persons receiving their services with respect and have regard for their individual situations. Occupational therapists shall not discriminate against these persons on the basis of race, colour, impairment, disability, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference, religion, political beliefs or status in society.

The values, preferences and ability to participate of persons receiving occupational therapy will be taken into account in providing services.

Confidentiality of the persons' personal information is guaranteed and any personal details are passed on only with that person's consent.

Professional Conduct in Collaborative Practice

Occupational therapists recognise the need for inter-professional collaboration and respect the unique contributions of other professions. Occupational therapists' contribution to inter-professional collaboration is based on occupational performance as it affects the health and well-being of people.

Developing Professional Knowledge

Occupational therapists participate in professional development through life-long learning and apply their acquired knowledge and skills in their professional work which is based on the best available evidence.

When participating in research occupational therapists respect the ethical implications involved.

Promotion and Development

Occupational therapists are committed to the improvement and development of the profession in general. They are also concerned with ethically promoting occupational therapy to the public, other professional organisations and government bodies at regional, national and international levels.