

Reply to a DRAFT (revised November 2003), Japan

To

Samantha Shann, Standards and Quality Programme

UK delegate

From:

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Dear Samantha Shann

Thank you for your hard work in preparing a draft for a revised WFOT Code of Ethics. The JAOT executives reviewed the draft, and support a revision in general with some comments as follows (in blue and in red):

WORLD FEDERATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS CODE OF ETHICS

This code describes the appropriate conduct of occupational therapists practising in all fields of occupational therapy. It is understood that each member association will have a detailed code of ethics particular to their needs.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Occupational therapists have personal integrity, reliability, open-mindedness and loyalty with regard to the persons receiving their service and the whole professional field.

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 preferences and ability to participate of persons receiving occupational therapy will be taken into account in the planning of service provision.

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

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

Occupational therapists recognise the need for **inter-professional collaboration**. (This may be changed into **intra/inter-professional collaboration**, since collaboration includes many aspects of OT practices, such as international collaborations of OTs.). They promote **the profession** (we are not too sure what 'the profession' refers to, i.e. the occupational therapy profession or other professions that recognize occupational performance affects the health and well being of people, such as art therapy, music therapy, horticulture, etc. If this means the latter, it will be clear to use **the professions**, instead of **the profession**.) recognising occupational performance as it affects the health and well being of people and respect the unique contributions of other professions.

DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Occupational therapists participate in professional development through life-long learning and apply their acquired knowledge and skills in their professional work.

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 promoting occupational therapy to the public, other professional organisations and government bodies at regional, national and international levels.

Sincerely Yours

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