

Participant Information Statement

For online surveys

Research study: International research engagement of occupational therapists

1. What is this study about?

We are conducting a research study about the research engagement of occupational therapists from around the world – specifically occupational therapists who belong to member organisations that are part of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT). Participation is optional. **As it is an international study not all survey options will be applicable to each country.**

The study is being carried out by Professor Lynette Mackenzie (WFOT research director) from the University of Sydney and a team of researchers from different countries who are part of the advisory group for this project.

2. Who can take part in the study?

We are seeking any occupational therapists to participate in this survey. **We are interested in hearing from everyone, regardless of whether or not you are involved in research.** You can pass on the link to any other OTs who are not members of the Association.

3. What will the study involve for me?

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete the online survey. The estimated time commitment is 10-15 minutes.

4. Can I withdraw once I have started?

By submitting your survey, you are consenting to take part in the study. You can withdraw any time before submitting by exiting the survey. Once your responses are submitted, we won't be able to tell which one is yours. This means you cannot withdraw after submitting the survey.

5. Are there any risks or costs?

We believe that there will be no risks of harm to participants from completing the survey. Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

6. Are there any benefits?

You will not receive any direct individual benefits from being in the study. However, we believe that your responses will provide valuable information for the occupational therapy profession and WFOT in how to support occupational therapists to be more engaged in research.

7. What will happen to information that is collected?

Your information will be securely stored, and results may be published. You will not be identifiable in these publications. Sharing research data is important for advancing knowledge and innovation. Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to hear the results of this study. We will provide a short summary for the WFOT electronic newsletter when it is available.

What if I would like more information? For any questions or further discussions, please contact Professor Lynette Mackenzie at Lynette.Mackenzie@sydney.edu.au.

8. What if I have a complaint or any concerns?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) of The University of Sydney [ethics identifier: 2024/HE001436] according to the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

If you have any concerns about the study procedures or would like to make a complaint to someone not involved in the study, please contact the University's Human Ethics Manager (human.ethics@sydney.edu.au or +61 2 8627 8176).
