Call for Papers

BJOT Call for Papers: Special Issue – Stroke rehabilitation

**Deadline for submissions:** 30 June 2019  
**Guest Editors:** Dawn M. Nilsen and Kate Radford

The special issue will be guest edited by Dr Dawn M. Nilsen, based at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York City, USA and Dr Kate Radford, at Nottingham University, UK.

Dawn Nilsen is Associate Professor of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine and Associate Director in the Programs in Occupational Therapy at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. She has contributed extensively in building the evidence and advancing practice in neurorehabilitation, in particular investigating the effectiveness of interventions to improve function after stroke. She is co-author of the Occupational Therapy Practice Guidelines for Adults with Stroke, from the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), of which she is a Fellow.

Kate Radford is Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Research and Deputy Head of the Division of Rehabilitation and Ageing, and training lead for the Centre for Doctoral Training in Rehabilitation and Healthcare Research at the University of Nottingham. Her research involves trials to determine the clinical and cost effectiveness of job retention interventions for people with long term conditions, including the multi-centre Return to Work after Stroke (RETAKE) trial and evaluating interventions to promote self-management and participation following brain injury. Kate’s expertise is using mixed methods designs to evaluate complex interventions, implementation fidelity and barriers and enablers to sustainability of rehabilitation interventions.

Stroke is considered a leading cause of long-term disability worldwide. Motor and cognitive impairments are common consequences of a stroke and pose a significant barrier to engagement in occupation. A growing body of evidence supports the effectiveness of interventions within the domain of occupational therapy practice for adults with stroke.

Submissions may address any relevant area but might include such topics as:

- Effectiveness studies (of any level, except for case studies) describing innovative assessments and interventions.
- Systematic reviews investigating clinical outcomes and effects of occupation-based interventions on motor function, cognitive function and occupational participation (ADLs, rest, sleep, social participation, educational participation, play); roles, routines, and quality of life.
- Emerging evidence-based and best practices affecting health and quality of life.

We invite international contributions from occupational therapists and interdisciplinary colleagues that advance knowledge, translate science into practice or have an impact on policy or practices relevant to rehabilitation and occupational therapy worldwide. Please read the general submission requirements of the journal before making your submission.

**Submission instructions**

To be considered for the special issue, papers must be submitted online at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/bjot. Please prepare manuscripts according to the guidelines available at http://journals.sagepub.com/home/bjot (Submit Paper).

When submitting your paper, please indicate that it is to be considered for the special issue on stroke rehabilitation in your covering letter.

Please do not contact the guest editors directly with enquiries.

Specific enquiries should be directed in the first instance to the Managing Editor, Katharine Norman, katharine.norman@rcot.co.uk

Any papers accepted for publication but not included in the special issue will be published in a regular issue of the journal.