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Today’s session will start shortly

Conflict of Interest

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Conflict of Interest

Today’s speaker....

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Today’s Session

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Self-regulation is a privilege...

Trust and confidence are built when a profession fulfills its promise to deliver safe, effective and ethical care.

The Public expects the College will protect it by:

- Standards for entry
- Standards for ethical conduct
- Standards for practice
- Standards for quality assurance & continuing competence
- Complaints & discipline
When an occupational therapist’s interests interfere with a client’s best interests or the occupational therapist’s own responsibilities.

Benefits can include gains that are:

- personal
- professional
- political
- academic
- financial
Conflicts of Interest can be:

- Real/Actual
- Perceived
- Potential

Real/Actual Conflict of Interest:
- when an OT carries out their duties knowing that they have the opportunity to advance their own private interests.

Perceived Conflict of Interest:
- when a reasonable person determines that an occupational therapist’s ability to act in the best interest of the client might be affected due to competing interests, even if this is not the case.
Potential Conflict of Interest:
- when an OT foresees that their personal interests might be sufficient to influence their duty to serve a client's best interest, should they become involved.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trust
Confidence
Respect
Perception

Dignity and Worth
Accountability
Honesty and Transparency

Recognizing Conflict of Interest

• Direct or indirect benefit?
• Type of activity
• Personal beliefs or opinions?
• Perception of others?
• Feedback from others?
Preventing Conflict of Interest

- Manage boundaries
- Avoid compromising activities
- Avoid special treatment
- Follow policies
- Use information appropriately
- Provide options
- Seek guidance

Managing Conflict of Interest

- Attempt to resolve or remove self

Take action:
- Disclose
- Provide with options
- Inform of rights
- Document
Decision Making Tool

Risk management is "nothing more than a careful examination of what, in your work, could cause harm to people, so that you can weigh up whether you have taken enough precautions or should do more to prevent harm."

Health and Safety Executive, 1999

Potential Risk Factors/Hazards:
- Complexity of Client's Presentation
- Therapeutic Relationship
- Practice Setting/Environment
- OT Skills and Knowledge

A scenario...
- Acute care – Mr. Swinson
- Rural location
- Discharge – equipment needed
- Vendor – Owner is OTs sister.
Can I work in two (or more) practice areas at the same time?
QUALITY PRACTICE WEBINARS

Is it a conflict of interest to accept a gift?

SUPERVISING SUPPORT PERSONNEL

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING... Questions?

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