Hi everyone,

Need some advice.

I'm supporting a team of the care home setting for people with dementia and I'm planning to introduce MOHOST for assessment and activity planning. Has anyone used MOHOST for people with dementia? If not MOHOST then can I use any other assessments from MOHO model? I have used MOHO model earlier for forensic mental health setting, but not sure if it works for people with dementia.

Appreciate any help/ suggestions.

Thanks very much for help in advance.

Regards,
Samita

June 13, 2012

People do use MOHOST for people with dementia but I personally find it difficult to use. The good news is that a dementia-specific form of MOHOST is being devised and tested at the moment. We are waiting to hear when it will be available. Has Samita tried the Pool Activity Level Instrument? This is not OT specific but was developed by an OT.

Regards
Elaine

June 14, 2012

Hi Samita,

I have recently started working in dementia care home with the same idea as yourself, introducing MOHOST. I find it difficult to use as most service users score R or I. I was
advised to use Vocational Questionnaire and I am in the process of reading the manual. But I would like to hear more about the dementia specific form of MOHOST.

Best wishes

Malgorzata Piotrowska

**June 15, 2012**

Hi Samita,

I cover two single sex, continuing assessment dementia wards, which are essentially where individuals with challenging behaviour come if they are unable to be managed in a care home. As you can imagine, many of them are in the later stages of their dementia and are extremely difficult to engage. I have certainly used the Volitional Questionnaire with patients which is much more sensitive than a single obs MOHOST. I was useful, but I also found it quite difficult to apply. I am now using the PAL (Pool Activity Level) Instrument as a method of determining an individual's functional level and utilising this to formulate activity prescriptions. The aim is that eventually nursing staff will become familiar with this tool and be able to apply it themselves. It is a very simple instrument that was designed specifically for those with cognitive impairment, but can be used by anyone including care home staff and carers. At present, every patient who is discharged from one of the wards I cover, has a PAL Assessment and this is included with their behavioural management plan. I am also in the process of encouraging care home staff to apply it to their residents.

I am also keen to here more about the dementia specific MOHOST as MOHO is the model our department works to.

Regards

Fiona Meldrum

**June 17, 2012**

Hi all,

my guess is that the assessment mentioned in these emails is one that is now called the MOHO-ExpLOR (MOHO Exploratory Level Outcome Ratings) - an assessment that I have been writing with John Cooper and Carmen de las Heras. Our hope is that it will be a broad-ranging assessment based on getting to know your client, but in other respects it is an alternative to the MOHOST rather than a version of the MOHOST - one that we hope will be more sensitive to change and able to capture improved outcomes following intervention when participation in occupation is severely impaired. The target population includes people with advanced dementia but also people with profound learning disabilities and possibly people with severe brain injuries or the most chronic effects of mental illness.
I had hoped that this assessment would be further on in its development by now - (ever the optimist!) - but unfortunately, my work plans were disrupted last year. This year, we have made good progress and a draft manual is nearing completion.

Wish us luck and watch this space!

Sue Parkinson