

Poster Abstracts

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Abstract title: Occupational Therapy scooter assessment and training

Introduction: The Occupational Therapy Department at South West Healthcare has implemented a new comprehensive approach to scooter assessment and training. This involved the development and implementation of several initiatives including:

1. a standardised assessment template for scooter assessment,
2. a practice route assessment and training tool
3. standardised information packs for the safe use of scooters.

Objectives:

- Improving the assessment of clients for using scooters.
- Improving practical training to clients using scooters.
- Improving education to clients on the safe use of scooters.

Methods: The practice route assessment and training tool was developed based on the Austin Health Scooter Use Assessment resource. This is recognised as best practice in training in the safe use of scooters, particularly for those with limited experience in using scooters. The map and route had to be adapted for our facility in the local area.

Various brochures relevant for new scooter users were obtained for the client “information packs.”

Approach / Qualitative Results: It is anticipated a more comprehensive and consistent approach to scooter assessment and training will provide positive benefits to the clients of this service. Following the trial of this approach it will be evaluated.

References:

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Biography

All authors are occupational therapists with varying experience mostly focused on rehabilitation and community clients. The levels of experience vary from a new graduate to an occupational therapist with 20 years experience. All of the authors have an interest in scooters as it is a common reason clients are referred to the occupational therapy service.