

## Did you know?

In July 2013, OTseeker included over:

- \* 820 articles about stress management and relaxation
- \* 290 articles about vocational rehabilitation and work
- \* 215 articles about hand therapy
- \* 187 articles about social skills training
- \* 150 articles about home modifications
- \* 220 articles about the use of creative therapies
- \* And lots about consumer education, behavioural interventions and modes of service delivery!

There are also over:

- \* 1030 articles about stroke
- \* 650 articles about cardiovascular disorders
- \* 540 articles about affective disorders
- \* 535 articles about rheumatological conditions
- \* 410 articles about schizophrenia
- \* 250 articles about brain injury
- \* 340 articles about developmental disorders

## Allied Health Evidence

You can now search across 4 allied health databases at once: *PEDro*, *OTseeker*, *SpeechBITE* and *PsycBITE*



For more information see: Bennett, S., Hoffmann, T., McCluskey, A., McKenna, K., Strong, J., & Tooth, L (2003). Introducing OTseeker (Occupational Therapy Systematic Evaluation of Evidence): A new evidence database for occupational therapists. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 57 (6), 635-8.



Occupational Therapy  
Systematic Evaluation of Evidence

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## Research evidence for interventions relevant to Occupational Therapy

It is now **10 years** since OTseeker was launched and during that time there were **10,000** articles indexed in OTseeker that can inform occupational therapists about the effects of interventions. This includes approximately 7,600 randomised controlled trials and 2,400 systematic reviews. Most randomised controlled trials up to 2013 have been critically appraised with respect to internal validity and these details are available on the website.

Given the rapid increase in the number of randomised controlled trials being published relevant to occupational therapy, in the future it will not be possible for the OTseeker team to rate all new trials that are entered into the database. However, we will seek to provide enhanced resources for therapists to be able to appraise trials themselves and provide ratings for some trials where possible.

The OTseeker website has been updated and new resources will continue to be added.  
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## Visit the New OTseeker Website



[www.otseeker.com](http://www.otseeker.com) has had over 2 million visits since it became available in 2003. Visitors include occupational therapists from over 100 countries.

## About OTseeker:

OTseeker was developed by a group of Australian occupational therapists: Dr Sally Bennett, Dr Annie McCluskey, Assoc Prof Kryss McKenna, Dr Tammy Hoffmann, Dr Leigh Tooth & Professor Jenny Strong.

It has been modelled on a physiotherapy equivalent, PEDro and has received funding from the Motor Accident Authority of NSW, Occupational Therapy Australia, The Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland, The College of Occupational Therapists (UK) and the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy.



## Featured Resources

### Injury Management Resources

The Injury Management Resource is a specialised resource within OTseeker to help people locate research and resources about injury management for people who have sustained spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, or other traumatic injuries.



## Implementing Evidence In Practice



OTseeker has a resource for health professionals who want to know more about implementing evidence in practice. Read about the process, read or listen to health professionals experiences, or access related links.