

ANNA MARIA VOGIATZIS, M.Sc. OT. Reg. (Ont.)
Occupational Therapist specializing in Cognitive and Catastrophic Impairment
(2009)

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

General Experience:

Ms. Vogiatzis has over 5 years of extensive experience in providing therapeutic/rehabilitative services for various groups through the insurance market (accident benefits/life and health); and the legal market place. She has worked with such groups as the cognitively impaired; individuals with neurological deficit; individuals with psychiatric concern; soft tissue injury; developmentally delays; and wheelchair seating and mobility; across various age groups including geriatric and paediatric populations. Ms. Vogiatzis has been working in collaboration with the Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science of the University of Toronto in the development of Cognitive Strategy Variables on Motor Performance Deficits, to describe, compare, and contrast how cognitive strategy use can enable children with diverse motor-based performance deficits in improving their occupational performance.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

The Functional Assessment within the following groups:

- **Cognitively impaired**
- **Other catastrophic injuries including spinal cord and amputations**
- **WAD I, WAD II injuries**

EMPLOYMENT

Rehabilitation Management/Consultation

New Realm Vocational Management Services, Toronto October 2006 – present

Supervisor – Occupational Therapy Division

- *Responsible for training and providing direct supervision to fellow occupational therapists including overseeing client files and reports.*
- *Responsible for case management. Consultative role includes: assisting clients through the rehabilitation process following injury; ensuring goals are established and communicated between the client, medical professionals and stakeholders; ensuring appropriate and cost-effective healthcare services are provided and individuals are ready to return to an optimal level of work and functioning within the following communities: individuals suffering from cognitive impairment; individuals suffering from catastrophic injuries including spinal cord injury and amputations; chronic pain; whiplash and acute muskeloskeletal injuries*
- *Services provided include: in-home assessment of muskeloskeletal injuries and functional abilities; early intervention/hospital discharge; file reviews; psychoeducational treatment; recommendation of accident benefits (attendant care, housekeeping/home maintenance, caregiving); prescription of assistive devices for all injuries sectors indicated above*

Canadian Rehabilitation Institute, Toronto

October 2006 – present

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AssessMed , Mississauga

October 2006 – present

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Professional Medical Assessment Centres

December 2007 – present

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WorkAble, Toronto

December 2007 – present

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Internships:

Rehabilitation Management/Consultation

Independent Rehabilitation Services Inc., Mississauga
2006

June 2006 – August

- *Services provided include: in-home assessment of muskeloskeletal and functional abilities; workplace assessments of ergonomic demands; psychoeducational treatment; functional abilities evaluations; recommendation of accident benefits; prescription of assistive devices*
- *Developed marketing strategy for the implementation of the “Progressive Goal Attainment Program” (PGAP)*

Law & Mental Health Program – Minimal Security Forensic Mental Health Unit

Centre For Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto

April 2006 – June 2006

- *Responsible for psychosocial assessment and intervention in an inpatient mental health setting. All clients have a diagnosis of a mental disorder and have been charged with violating the criminal code.*
- *Independently developed “Anger Management” group protocol, currently being used in treatment*
- *Enabled individuals to live as independently as possible in the community through assessment and treatment, using individual and group counseling.*
- *Facilitated “Living in the Community/Discharge Planning”, “Healthy Active Living” groups for psychiatric patients.*
- *Responsible for program planning and evaluation.*

Inpatient Psychiatry & Seating and Mobility Clinic

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Toronto

Oct. 2005 – Dec.2005

- *OT grand rounds presentation: “Objective Evaluation of Function in Alzheimer's Disease”*
- *Responsible for therapeutic assessment and intervention across two departments:*
Inpatient Psychiatry: *facilitated group psychotherapy for depression, facilitated baking, leisure and exercise groups, conducted one-on-one interpersonal counseling with patients, administered standardized assessments (Minimal Data Set, Activity Card Sort)*
Seating and Mobility: *conducted wheelchair assessments, prescribed seating and mobility devices, instructed clients on wheelchair use, collaborated with clients and caretakers on Assistive Devices Program and funding*

Paediatric Outpatient Services Program

Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga

May 2005 – June 2005

- *Provided full-range of occupational therapy services to clients with developmental disabilities, primarily from the Pervasive Developmental Disorder population*
- *Duties included: assessment, planning of individualized treatment activities, interviewing, objective/goal setting, clinical observation, documentation and research*
- *Participated in Community Care Access Centre school consultation visits*
- *Treatment included both individual and group sessions facilitated both independently and in collaboration with other disciplines*

Additional Work Experience:

Bilingual Claims Adjuster

Royal&Sunalliance, Mississauga

Apr. 2003 – June 2006

- *Responsible for initiating/adjusting auto and property claims and third party reports instructing clients on claims process*
- *Disseminating detailed knowledge of insurance policy coverage and benefits to clients and third party adjusters in accordance with privacy legislation*
- *Authorizing automobile rentals and setting up vehicle appraisals*
- *Assigning independent adjusters, and contractors in emergency situation*

Cognitive Behavioural Therapist

Private Homecare, Mississauga

Aug. 2003 – Oct 2003

- *Responsible for care of traumatic brain injury patient: delivery of medication, supervision/monitoring of all daily activities, motor coordination exercises, math, geography, verbal activities*
- *Responsible for redirecting patient from compulsive-obsessive behaviour*
- *Patient required 24 hour supervision, suffered from seizure – was provided with additional training in seizure protocol*

EDUCATION

Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy *Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, 2006*

- *Research Thesis: Cognitive Strategy Variables on Motor Performance Deficits (Supervisor: Dr. Helene Polatajko, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy, U.of T.)*

Honours B.A. *Language and Linguistics, York University, Toronto, 2003*

Ontario Brain Injury Association Courses:

- **Level 1** – *Home and Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Acquired Brain Injury (Completed 2007)*
- **Level 2** – *Advanced Brain Injury Rehabilitation (Completed 2007)*

Evidence-Based Research for the Front-Line Clinician – completed seminar for clinical research development for College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario (COTO) - 2005

Catastrophic Impairment Determination and the AMA Guidelines Accreditation (C) (completed 2008 to Present)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Attended Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) conference 2006-present
- Attended Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT) conference 2006-present
- Course: Vestibular Rehabilitation, 2008 to present.
- Certified Canadian Life Care Planner (CCLCP) (C) 2008-present
- Course: Medical and Psychological Evaluation in Determining Impairment and Disability (NADEP Course 503), September 2008-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- College of Occupational Therapist of Ontario (2006 to present)
- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (2004 to present)
- Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (2004 to present)

LANGUAGES

Multilingual: fluent in English, French, Greek and conversational Spanish