

# Occupational Therapy Practice Issues Forum

## Harmonizing Research and Practice in Occupational Therapy

(An In-person event)

**Aug. 14, 2025**

**5 pm-8 pm**

### ***Program Highlights***

#### ***Research Practice Partnerships to Integrate Value-Based Occupational Therapy***

*Alison M. Cogan, PhD, OTR/L*

*Pam Roberts, PhD, OTR/L, SCFES, FAOTA, CPHQ, FNAP, FACRM*

#### ***Moderated Panel:***

*Joan Surfus, OTD, OTR/L, BCP, SWC (Hospital and Outpatient Pediatrics)*

*Anijah Green, OTD, OTR/L (Adults-Hospital-based)*

*Carly D. Roberts, OTD, OTR/L, CPAM (Inpatient Rehabilitation)*

*Guy Reavis, OTD, OTR/L, CAPS (Aging in Place)*

*Katie Loomis MA, OTR/L, CHT (Hand Therapy)*

#### ***OTAC Unplugged: Membership, Momentum, and the Road Ahead***

*Samia H. Rafeedie, OTD, OTR/L, BCPR, CBIS, FAOTA*

**Course Description, Program Format and Speakers:** This educational activity emphasizes current trends, professional practice, and other issues in the field of Occupational Therapy. Speakers will discuss practical strategies for integrating research evidence into practice, focusing on overcoming barriers and promoting adoption. The importance of collaboration among occupational therapy practitioners will be highlighted as well as the need for readily accessible evidence, and the value of mentorship and ongoing support in fostering evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence. This theme will be threaded within the context of practice in multiple settings.

#### **Registration information**

Register Online: <https://cedars.cloud-cme.com/OTFORUM>

#### **Educational Objectives**

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will:

1. Demonstrate how occupational therapy practitioners can effectively partner with researchers to identify relevant research and translate findings into clinical practice.

2. Demonstrate how occupational therapy researchers can effectively partner with practitioners to identify gaps in clinical practice to develop relevant research questions and design research strategies
3. Discuss tools and strategies for accessing, understanding, and communicating research and practice evidence to facilitate integration of value-based occupational therapy practice.

**Target Audience:** Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants and students

**Occupational Therapy CE Information:** *Content Level: Introductory/Intermediate*

*Content Focus: Category 3, Professional Issues*

**Policy on Disclosure:** In accordance with the policy of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, faculty is asked to disclose any affiliation of financial and non-financial interests that may affect the content of their presentation. While Cedars-Sinai endeavors to review faculty content, it remains the obligation of each attendee to determine the applicability or relevance of the information provided from this course in his or her own practice.

**Faculty Disclosure:** Faculty for this program have no financial or non-financial relationships to disclose.

**This course is being evaluated for 3.0 contact hours. A certificate of attendance will be issued to participants at the end of the event after completion of requirements. No partial credit is being offered for this course.**

**Fee: 30.00 regular fee or 20.00 discounted fee for students, OTAC and AOTA members and Cedars affiliates. Registration and payment must be received by Aug. 12, 2025. Fees include a light meal and refreshments.**



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We encourage participation by all individuals. If you have a disability, advance notification of any special needs will help us better serve you.

**COURSE LOCATION:** 127 S San Vicente Blvd Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA 90048

Education Conf Room 6&7. Parking information: [Medical Center Map & Parking Information | Cedars-Sinai](#). There is no option for validated parking.