

OREGON STATE ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES
PROGRAM, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Bio

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EDUCATION:

University of Oregon December 1974 BA in American History

University of Southern California February 1978 MA in Occupational Therapy

EXPERIENCE:

16 years Employee Health & Safety for 5,000 employee hospital/clinic network.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION (PeaceHealth Oregon West Network):

--Design modified work & assist with return-to-work planning for injured hospital workers.

--Perform Job Task Analysis.

--Apply ergonomic principles to individual staff needs and for hospital-wide injury prevention & safety enhancement programs, including selection & use of safe patient handling equipment.

18 years multi-disciplinary out-patient injured worker rehabilitation

4.5 years Home Health & inpatient rehabilitation, acute hospital inpatients & outpatients

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY:

Occupational Therapy Association of Oregon:

2 years President, 3 years Treasurer, & 2 years Awards & Nominations Chair, Planning Conferences and CE events

Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

3 years Program Consultant for Work Hardening Programs

American Occupational Therapy Association

Originator: 2011 Proposal to Representative Assembly that AOTA co-sponsor annual VISN-8/VA Safe Patient Handling Conferences

SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER CREATIVE ACTIVITY:

Conference Presentations:

OTAO 1987: "A Prototype for OT/PT Collaboration in Work Hardening"

C.A.I.R.E. 1991 Poster: "Use of EMG Biofeedback during Simulated Work Activities and on the Job"

OTAO 2006: "Gathering Job-Specific Information to Assist Your Patient Return to Work"

Publications:

OT Practice Vol. 3, No. 9, October 1998 "Book Review: Chronic Musculoskeletal Injuries in the Work Place"

AOTA Work Programs Special Interest Section Quarterly 19(3) TK. Sept 2005 "Return to Work Strategies for Injured Hospital Nursing Staff."