

# Person, environment, occupation

# Occupational therapy

 Occupational therapy is a client-centred health profession concerned with promoting health and well being through occupation.



- The primary goal of occupational therapy is to enable people to participate in the activities of everyday life.
- Occupational therapists achieve this outcome by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement. (WFOT 2012)



# Occupation



- group of activities and tasks of every day life, named, organized and given value and meaning by individuals and a culture.
- Occupation is everything people do to occupy themselves , including looking after themselves (self-care), enjoying life (leisure), and contributing to the social and economic fabric of their communities (productivity)" (CAOT, 1997, p. 34).

# Taxonomic Code of Occupational Performance

#### **Occupation**

set of activities

#### **Activity**

Set of tasks

#### **Task**

Set of actions having an end point

#### **Action**

Set of voluntary movements or mental process

#### **Voluntary movement**

Simple voluntary muscle or mental activation





- As a source of motivation/volition
- Research showed that better results are obtained by choosing some SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES, because there is a growing motivation to learn when activity plays important role in People's life



 Occupational therapists consider meaningful activities of individuals as a contribution to health and apply these meaningful occupation in their treatment

> (Meyer,1977; Towsend, 2002; Wilcock,1998; Yerxa et al.,1989)



 To understand which activities are meaningful for a person, Occupational Therapist uses a CLIENT-CENTRED APPROACH

 Involving clients in decision-making, supporting clients needs, and recognizing their experience and knowledge

(CAOT, 2002) •



# Occupational Therapy PEO Model: person, environment, occupation



 It's a simplified representation of structures and contents of a phenomenon or system that describes or explains complex relationships between concepts within the system and integrates elements of theory and practice

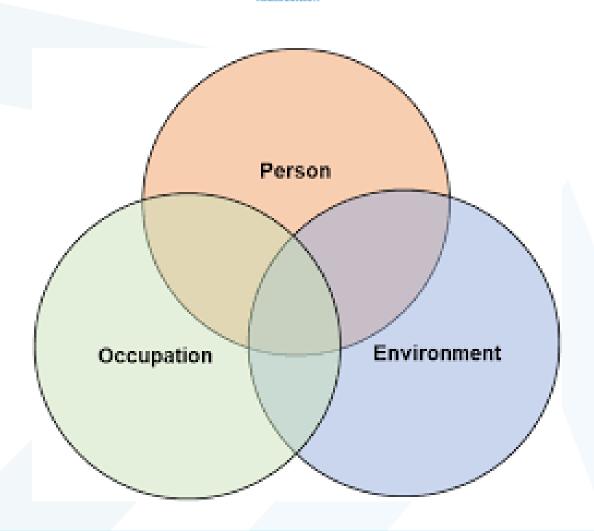


- It gives general guides for the practice of occupational therapy, usually applicable to all types of clients or to a large group of them
- A model is defined as a <u>theoretical</u> <u>simplification of a complex reality</u> (Fronlick,1993) and consist of several explicitly defined concepts.



1980	USA: Keilhofner	Model of Human Occupation (MOHO)
1986	Australia: Chapparo e Rank (OPM)	Occupational Performance Model (OPM)
1992	USA: Reed & Sanderson	Human Occupations Model
1992	UK: Stewart	Model for the practice of OT
1997	Canada: Law & al	Person/ environment/ occupation (PEO)
1997	USA: Dunn & McClain	The ecology of human performance
1997	Canada: CAOT	Canadian Model of Occupational Performance (CMOP)
2000	UK: <u>Hagedorn</u>	Competent Occupational Performance in the Environment (COPE)
2005	Italia: Cunningham & al	Modello Vivaio (MOVI)
2006	Canada: Iwama	Kawa River Model

# Person- Environmet- Occupation





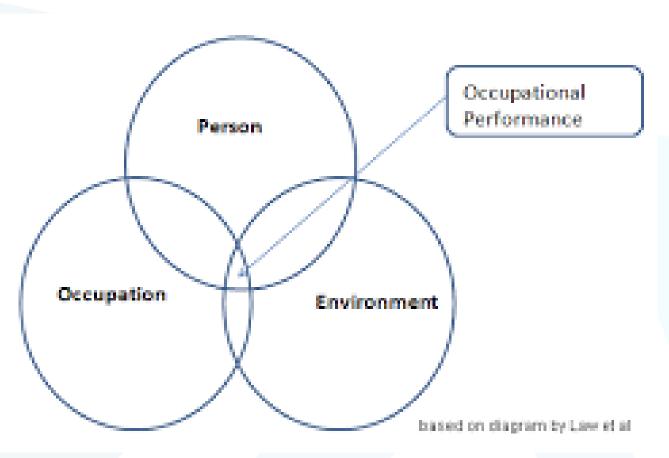
# the interaction between the person, the environment and the occupation results in occupational performance (P-E-O)

The model is a framework that guides clinical reasoning in analysis and understanding of the interdependent interaction and therefore can form a foundation for application in practice.



- This model does not prescribe a set of assessments or provide intervention guidelines, therefore allows use of other occupational therapy assessment tools and interventions.
- These elements are dynamic and they continue throughout the lifespan.





#### Person



# The person is a unique (attributes, skills, knowledge and experience)

- Roles differ and vary
- Behaviour vary:
  - ➤ Motivation: interests, cultural relevance of activity
  - Consider situations/conditions that precipitate emotional responses: failure, stress, distraction
  - ➤ Degree of autonomy
  - The basic assumptions of the model are that person is continually developing and is intrinsically motivated.

#### **Person**



- Approaches the person from an holistic point of view (mind, body and spirit)
- The "person" can be individual, organization, group or community.
- Performance components:
  - Motor-sensory
  - Cognitive-perceptual
  - Emotional-relational

## **Environment**



The environment is defined as the context within which occupational performance takes place and it is categorized into cultural, socioeconomic, institutional, physical and social.

### **Environment**



- physical including natural and built surroundings
- social including social groupings, common interests, attitudes
- socioeconomic-finances
- cultural including ethnic, routine practices based on value systems
- institutional/organizational including societal institutions including policies, decision- making processes, accessibility, legal funding arrangements

## Occupation



This is defined as self directed meaningful tasks and activities engaged in throughout a lifespan

The areas of occupation:

self care, productivity and leisure.

## Occupation



- activities, tasks and occupations that make up everyday life
- everything people do to occupy themselves, including
  - looking after themselves (self care)
  - enjoying life (leisure)
  - and contributing to the social and economic fabric of their communities (productivity)



- "the doing of occupation"
- "the outcome of the transaction of the person, the environment and the occupation"
- "the ability to choose, organize, and satisfactorily perform meaningful occupations that are culturally defined and age appropriate for looking after oneself, enjoying life, and contributing to the emotional, social and economic fabric of the community"

## OT Perspective: P-E-O Model

OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE: the "doing of occupation"

(Meriano & Latella, 2004)

#### **PERSON**

Values & beliefs Identity Roles & routines Skills & strengths Physical, cognitive & psychosocial status

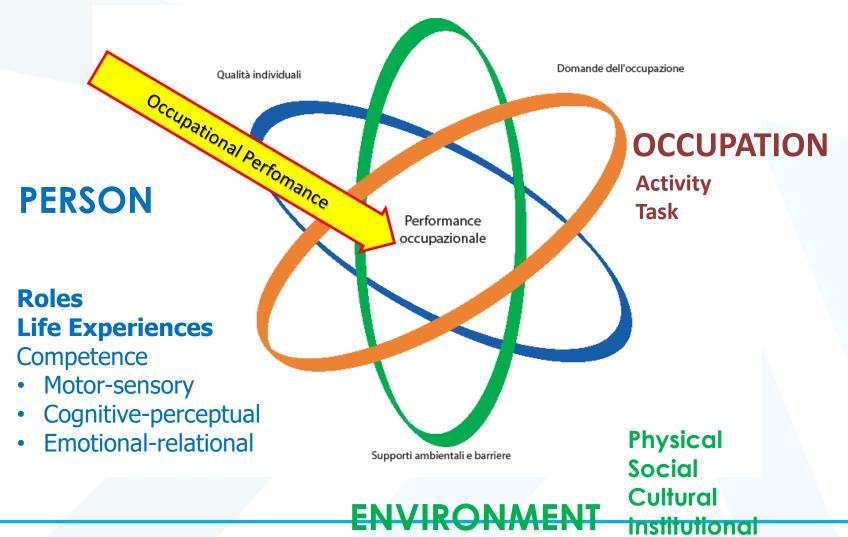
#### OCCUPATION

Self-care Productivity Leisure Rest/Sleep

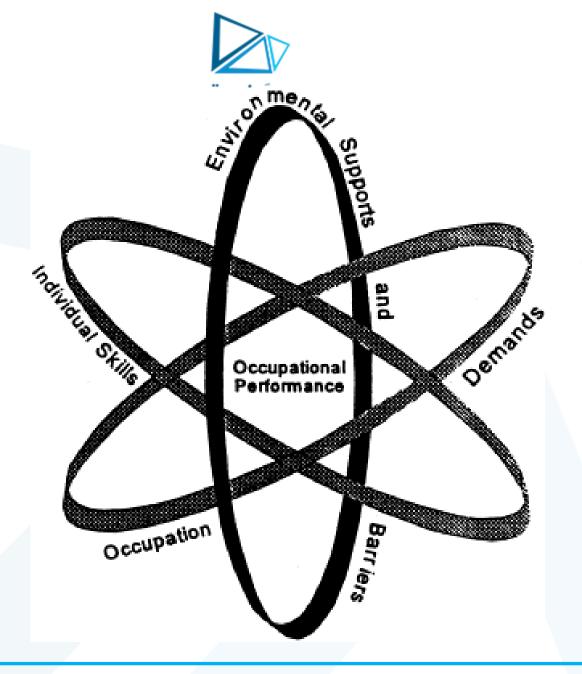
#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Physical Social Cultural Legislative Institutional





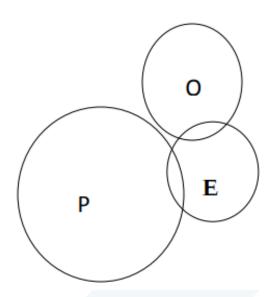
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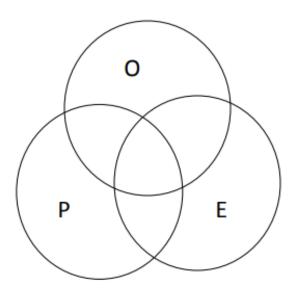
## **Occupation fit**



#### **Poor Fit**



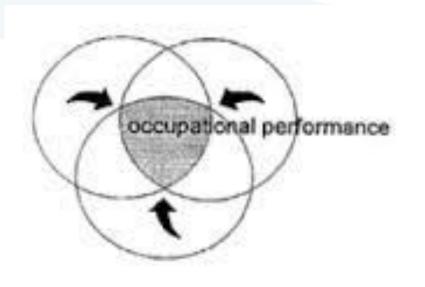
## **Good Fit**



# Function- dysfunction continuum

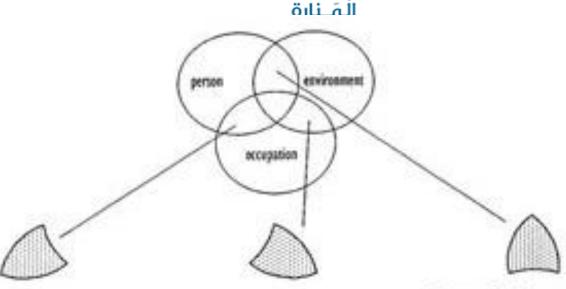
- Optimal function or occupational performance results from a good fit between the three components (P-E-O).
- Maximum fit relates to optimal occupational performance, whereas minimum fit relates to minimum occupational performance, hence dysfunction.
- Disability can be associated with a minimum or poor person-environment fit rather than the impairment itself.











#### Person-Occupation

- Skills/abilities: match requirements of meal preparation
- Desire for autonomy
- Enjoyment of food/ cooking
- Nutritional needs

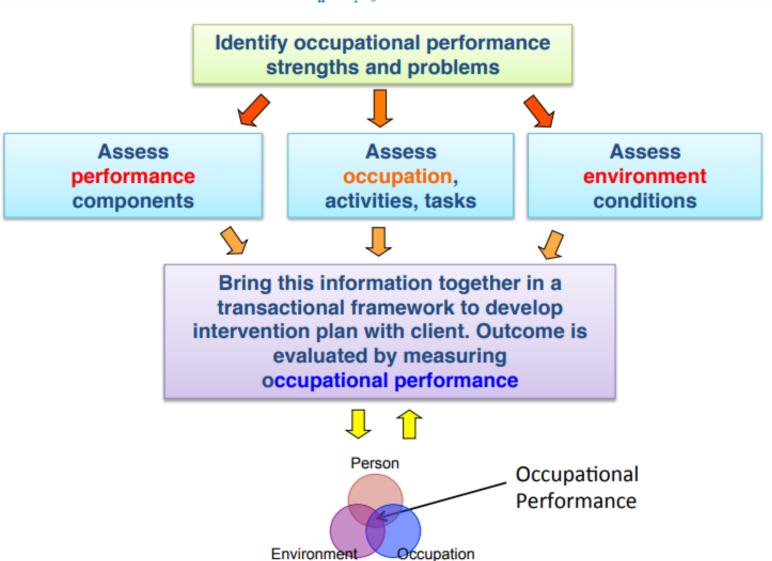
#### Occupation Environment

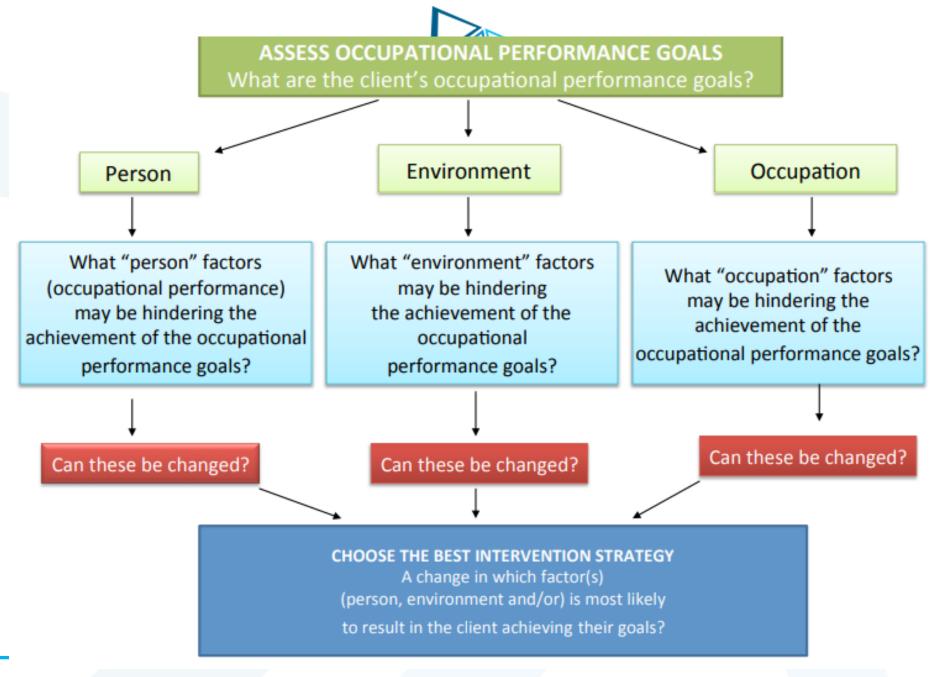
- Layout & space in kitchen for meal preparation
- Tools/ingredients available
- Community resources available for shopping, meal preparation

#### Person-Environment

- Safety issues
- Family support
- Resources favored by Norman; reliability of resources
- Eligibility criteria for community resources







# PEO example:



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PERSON	ENVIRONMENT	OCCUPATION
48 years old widow for 11 months	<u>Physical</u>	<u>Self-care</u>
Functional independent	<ul> <li>2 rooms private owned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent for all self-care</li> </ul>
Lives alone	flat in the city quiet area,	activities: personal hygiene, dressing,
Congenital hipoacusy	near the forest	eating, toileting
<ul> <li>Second child in her family</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Modern facilities (current</li> </ul>	
Roles played during different life	water, electricity,	Leisure
stages: wife, widow, mother, friend,	advanced equipment)	<ul> <li>Found of flower photography</li> </ul>
neighbour, student		Spends time alone with her thoughts
Housewife who raised her child	Social	<ul> <li>Walks in the park</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Likes shooting, gardening, flowers,</li> </ul>	One daughter	Reads art reviews and speciality
nature, open spaces	Relatives	books in the field of botany,
Difficulty in starting and finishing	<ul> <li>Neighbours</li> </ul>	especially those chapters dedicated to
projects, concentrating, remembering	Friends	flowers
• Confused		Watches TV documentaries in the
	Institutional	domain of visual arts, Discovery
Personality	<ul> <li>Medical and social</li> </ul>	Channel
Good abilities to adapt to different	services (social assured)	<ul> <li>Used to play intellectual games</li> </ul>
situations		(chess, Sudoku) together with her
Sociable and reliable	Cultural	daughter, do homework and
Helps the ones in need	<ul> <li>University background</li> </ul>	supervise learning tasks
• Feeling of lose: lost the desire for	<ul> <li>Artistic and scientific</li> </ul>	
doing things she used to do, lost her	resources	Productivity
confidence and her social role		<ul> <li>Domestic tasks: cooking and meal</li> </ul>
Conscientious student, highly		preparation, cleaning, washing the
motivated, with sense of advanced		dishes, laundering
purpose		<ul> <li>Goes shopping for daily products</li> </ul>



Table 2 Analysis of the Person - Environment - Occupation transaction for flower shooting

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P – O	O – E	P – E		
<ul> <li>Skills/abilities for activity of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Photo studio with modern facilities</li> </ul>	Family support		
flower shooting	<ul> <li>Shooting instruments or equipment:</li> </ul>	Own studio/room		
Motivation for flower shooting	camera, lenses, supporting/stabilising	<ul> <li>Access to gardens, parks</li> </ul>		
Manual dexterity	the camera, camera body	<ul> <li>Social relationships (direct and</li> </ul>		
Visual acuity	Use of different composition and	virtual socialisation networks -		
<ul> <li>Flower shooting techniques (for</li> </ul>	angles	Facebook, Twitter, Hi5)		
example, use of multiple exposure	Natural light	Communication through		
technique)	Flash	participation in group		
Physical resistance	<ul> <li>Flash brackets and diffusers</li> </ul>	discussions on the theme of		
Physical integrity	<ul> <li>Gardens, parks, landscapes</li> </ul>	flower shooting		
Concentration	<ul> <li>Visit floral exhibitions and</li> </ul>	Personal expectations		
Patience (for example, press the	greenhouses	Availability of flower shooting		
shooting button when wind stops	Specialty shops	teacher		
blow)	<ul> <li>Financial resources for shopping and</li> </ul>	Respect safety issues regarding		
Specialized knowledge for	travelling	flower shooting		
combining lights, backgrounds and	<ul> <li>Photo galleries and exhibitions</li> </ul>	Obtain resources for flower		
angles	Flower shooting courses, even on-line	shooting activities		
Creativity in taking photos	<ul> <li>Flower shooting workshops</li> </ul>	Sponsorship for her own flower		
Intuition	<ul> <li>Flower shooting groups discussions</li> </ul>	shooting exhibition		
Attention to details	Flower shooting contests	Inspiring people to make a		
Sense of observation	<ul> <li>Read books, albums, catalogues and</li> </ul>	change in their lives and follow		
Botanical knowledge	reviews on flower photography	their hobbies and passions		
	Botanical flower atlas			





# Thank you

