

Abstract:

Home assessment is an important part of occupational therapy intervention. It can help improve patients' quality of life in many ways: lower the risk of falls, improve their self-dependence, increase participation etc. Despite that, there is little information about home assessment in Czech literature. There is no overview of home assessment tools nor any study summarizing information about current home assessment practice.

The main goal of this thesis was to explore home assessment and home visit practice in the Czech republic using a questionnaire-based survey among Czech occupational therapists. The results were to be compared to data gathered from foreign respondents.

Theoretical part discusses the topic of the thesis and presents information on home assessment tools. Chosen ones are described in detail (Cougar, WeHSA, Housing Enabler, SEMAFOR home). Practical part summarizes the results of the questionnaire using tables, graphs and statistical analysis. Data from 144 Czech and 135 foreign respondents was gathered and analysed. Research hypotheses were that the majority of Czech occupational therapists don't do home visits and don't evaluate home environment using existing home assessment tools. Furthermore, foreign occupational therapists were expected to perform home visits and use existing assessment tools significantly more frequently than their Czech counterparts. These hypotheses were confirmed using the questionnaire. The process of spreading the questionnaire and gathering data was described in detail, which can prove to be useful for future research.

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home assessment, home visit, occupational therapy