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# Coordination assessment occupational therapy

Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) is a chronic motor skill disorder seen in children and youth, which significantly affects activities of daily living, school performance, and leisure activities. Children with DCD struggle to learn basic motor tasks, such as doing up zippers and buttons, throwing and catching a ball, printing at school, and learning to swim or ride a bike. Effective assessment and treatment should be provided across the lifespan for all children with DCD to improve adaptive functioning (e.g., greater independence with self-care activities, improved written output at school, acquisition of motor skills to enable participation in play and leisure activities), which can have a positive effect on the child's self-esteem and mental health. The objectives of this evidence summary are to provide you with an understanding of: the assessment of DCD; the evidence-based management of DCD; and tools and resources to assist you in best practice and advocacy work in the management of DCD. Resources Webinar The DCD Advocacy Toolkit: Empowering OTs through Evidence-Informed Practice Information Sheets DCD Assessment Information Sheet DCD Early Identification and Intervention Information Sheet DCD Treatment Information Sheet DCD Advocacy Information Sheet Advocacy Letter Template to Doctor Letter to Doctor from Occupational Therapist Advocacy Letter Templates to Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Letter to MLA from Occupational Therapist Letter to MLA from Parent Letter to MLA from Teacher Evidence for Practice (EAP) Synthesis Management of Developmental Coordination Disorder Evidence Search PubMed: Developmental Coordination Disorder - Assessment or Diagnosis and Occupational Therapy Search PubMed: Developmental Coordination Disorder - Occupational Therapy Search PubMed: Developmental Coordination Disorder - Early Intervention Links Child Development & Rehabilitation: Introduction to Management of Developmental Coordination Disorder Occupational therapy helps people develop or recover the skills needed to lead independent, satisfying lives. The "occupation" in occupational therapy does not refer to one's profession. Rather, it refers to the everyday activities that give life meaning. For a child, these meaningful activities include playing and learning. Pediatric occupational therapy focuses on improving the child's ability to play and learn, which are important for development and becoming independent. For children with cerebral palsy, occupational therapy can help with muscle and joint coordination issues — issues that can make everyday tasks difficult. Some of these tasks include eating, brushing teeth and bathing. Occupational therapy can help to improve physical, cognitive and social abilities, as well as fine motor skills and posture. This therapy can also help address difficulties with processing sensory information. Benefits of Occupational Therapy Occupational therapy is beneficial for children with cerebral palsy in many ways. By optimizing upper body function and improving the coordination of small muscles, occupational therapy can help children with CP master the basic activities of daily living. Occupational therapy can help children by: Increasing their chance for independence Improving their ability to play and learn Boosting their self-esteem and confidence Helping them develop a workable routine Giving them a sense of accomplishment Improving their quality of life Parents and caregivers spend a lot of time helping children with cerebral palsy perform basic day-to-day activities. As the child begins to see the benefits of occupational therapy, the parents and caregivers do, too. For parents and caregivers, occupational therapy helps by: Reducing the demand on them Reducing stress Providing a sense of security Improving their quality of life Allowing them to watch their child improve and become independent Each type of cerebral palsy presents different symptoms that may hinder a child's ability to live independently and complete daily activities. Occupational therapy can help with the following issues related to each type of CP: Spastic - Muscle stiffness in the upper and/or lower limbs and jerky movements characterize spastic cerebral palsy. Among other things, this can lead to difficulty getting dressed, bathing, using the bathroom, eating, drinking, writing and holding objects. Athetoid - Children with athetoid cerebral palsy are unable to regulate muscle tone, which makes it difficult to control their movements. Trouble with grasping objects, posture, drooling, swallowing, and speaking are common among children with athetoid CP. Ataxic - Problems with balance and coordination are common among children with ataxic cerebral palsy. These children often struggle with precise movements and have tremors or shakiness. This makes it difficult to perform tasks like writing or eating that require precise finger movements, or repetitive movements like clapping. What to Expect in Occupational Therapy As with physical therapy and speech therapy, occupational therapy is different for every child with cerebral palsy. Each child's occupational therapy treatment plan is highly individualized and tailored to their individual physical, intellectual and social-emotional abilities. During your child's first therapy session, the occupational therapist will perform a complete evaluation. This includes testing the child's fine motor, perceptual and oral-motor development, and observing how the child responds to touch and movement. The occupational therapist will also interview the parent to find out about the child's strengths and weaknesses when performing daily activities, as well as pinpoint the specific goals for the child to work toward. Most children with cerebral palsy need to be reevaluated every six to nine months. After these evaluations, the occupational therapist will tweak the treatment plan accordingly based on progress and change. Exercises Used in Occupational Therapy Occupational therapy involves using functional activities to progressively improve functional performance. Occupational therapy exercises focus on the following skill areas: Fine Motor Control - Improves hand dexterity by working on hand muscle strength, finger isolations, in-hand manipulations, arching the palm of the hand, thumb opposition and pincer grasp. Activities include squeezing a clothespin, playing with water squirt toys and pushing coins into the slot of a piggy bank. Bilateral Coordination - Play/movements teach the child to control both sides of the body at the same time, like drumming, pushing a rolling pin and pulling apart construction toys (Legos). Upper Body Strength and Stability - Play focuses on strengthening and stabilizing the trunk (core), shoulder and wrist muscles through exercises, such as crawling, lying on the tummy while reading, playing catch in a kneeling position and pouring water from a pitcher into a cup. Crossing the Midline - These activities, like making figure eights with streamers and throwing balls at a target to the right or left of center, teach the child to reach across the middle of their body with their arms and legs to the opposite side. Visual Motor Skills - Improves hand-eye coordination through activities, like drawing, stringing beads or macaroni and catching and throwing a ball. Visual Perception - These activities improve the ability to understand, evaluate and interpret what's being seen. Activities include squeezing a clothespin, playing with water squirt toys and pushing coins into the slot of a piggy bank. Self-Care - Improves the ability to perform activities of daily living and prepare the child to be more independent at home, at school and in the community. Exercises can be as simple as practicing these ADLs, like brushing their teeth, getting dressed and self-feeding. Occupational therapists use specific techniques to help children reach their goals, including: Pediatric Constraint Induced Movement Therapy (CIMT) - Improves the ability to move weaker parts of the body by restraining its stronger counterpart. For a child who has difficulty moving one of their arms, the stronger arm will be completely restrained for a period of time while the weaker arm is strengthened and trained. Sensory Integration Therapy - Improves the ability to receive, register, interpret and act on information that comes to the brain through sensory receptors. These activities provide the child with different sensory experiences and can include playing with balls, play dough, silly putty, sand and water, walking on different carpet textures and finger painting. Equipment Used in Occupational Therapy Many different tools and assistive devices are used in occupational therapy. Equipment can range from common household items to high-tech assistive technologies. Tools Everyday household items (straws, clothes pins, tweezers, sponges, etc.) Books Adaptive scissors (with spring closures or grips for easier use) Writing utensils Splints Adaptations to clothing (zipper pulls, button hooks, reachers) Toys to help with the development of motor skills Games and toys that help with motor and cognitive development Assistive Devices Pencil grips Specialized feeding utensils Seating and positioning equipment Computer software and accessibility Household aids and equipment School chairs and tables Toilet and bathing aids Tablets Occupational Therapy by Age Occupational therapy helps people of all ages. For children with cerebral palsy, treatment will be based on the child's physical, intellectual, social and language abilities, as well as their age. Toddlers - Treatment for toddlers revolves around play and learning. Games and toys are used to improve the child's cognitive and physical development. Young Children - Therapy for young children works on improving cognitive and physical development, as well as the child's ability to perform daily living activities. Occupational therapy can also improve the child's performance in school and their socialization skills. Finding an Occupational Therapist Occupational therapists are licensed healthcare professionals. Finding an occupational therapist who has experience working with cerebral palsy patients is very important to ensure your child gets the best treatment possible. If you need help finding an occupational therapist, ask your child's pediatrician if they have any recommendations. Occupational, physical and speech therapists often work together to create comprehensive treatment plans. If your child is seeing a physical or speech therapist, they may be able to connect you with an occupational therapist. To learn more about how to locate an occupational therapist, try downloading our free Cerebral Palsy Guide, which includes over 12 pages of in-depth information for children and parents of a child with CP. Movement ABC is an assessment tool used to identify a delay or impairment in motor development in children. The occupational therapist would use this tool to assess if any motor development delay or impairment is having a detrimental impact during activities completed both at home and in school. The Movement ABC incorporates the impact of an impairment or developmental delay on childhood activities, surrounding their ability to perform well in school and at home. The Movement ABC is an assessment that can take place in clinic, at home or in school. It is completed by a Movement ABC trained occupational therapist. The assessment is a recognised standardised assessment used all over the world by multiple health professionals. Children who would be suitable for a Movement ABC assessment often display the following symptoms: Clumsy Uncoordinated Difficulty completing smooth continuous movement Frequent falls/trips Fine motor difficulties Difficulty running, jumping, hopping or completing other gross motor activities Possible reduced muscle strength or tone Visual perception difficulties Poor hand eye-coordination Loss of function with one limb following stroke If you have noticed that your child is struggling to perform outdoor activities or play games that involve balancing, throwing, catching or any other gross motor activity, then your child is probably suitable for an Occupational Therapy assessment. There are certain conditions that have symptoms which affect movement and therefore require a movement ABC assessment, these are: Dyspraxia Cerebral palsy Developmental Coordination Disorder Developmental Delay Head Injury Multiple Sclerosis Rett Syndrome Stroke Spina Bifida However, if your child has not been diagnosed with a condition, but you still feel that they are struggling to complete activities that involve running, hopping, jumping balancing and a range of other movements then please do not hesitate to call us. The occupational therapist will use Movement ABC to gain a better insight into how these movement difficulties are affecting your child during day to day life, both at school and at home. This would include a detailed discussion and practical assessment of how the symptoms of Movement ABC are impacting on function, and provide reasons why this could be. Impact on the school environment Movement ABC also considers how movement impairment is impacting upon the child within the school environment. For example, during P.E or sport lessons, a child who struggles to move will have great difficulty competing at a similar level as their peers and may even feel isolated or excluded due to their physical difficulties. Impact on the home Movement ABC will also evaluate how these movement difficulties impact upon activities at home. This could include aspects such as physical or behavioural impacts on the time taken to complete activities. For example, finding it hard to move smoothly and successfully can reduce the child's motivation to partake in occupations that get them moving, and therefore could stay inside instead. This could lead to an unhealthy and overweight child, (if they are not receiving enough physical activity) which could also have an effect on mood and happiness. The occupational therapist would work with you in assessing how these problems are influencing the dynamics and functional capabilities of the home and provide a treatment plan to address this. Impact of Movement ABC on function (Physical) Movement ABC would also highlight how these motor difficulties impact upon function. As your child develops, they will have to improve and develop alongside their peers; this will be difficult if your child finds new movement patterns hard to master. The Movement ABC assessment would be used to identify how these difficulties are affecting your child's ability to complete important occupations (such as getting dressed, running and playing) and by using the results from this assessment a treatment plan can be drawn up. Social/Behavioural implications Not only does the Movement ABC consider the implications of Movement ABC on the home, school and its relation to physical function, it also considers how Movement ABC affects the child's behaviour. Suggesting possible explanations as to why the child is behaving as they are (at home, school, social events or with others). If your child finds movements difficult they may become frustrated and easily annoyed, this can be difficult to manage and disrupt the home environment. The Movement ABC will help identify if your child is experiencing any of these. Following an assessment, the therapist will discuss with you the outcome of the assessment and how this is impacting on your child's ability to function at home or at school. If desired you can request to receive a Movement ABC report based on the findings of this assessment. This will contain a detailed analysis of the impact the condition is having on your life, a treatment plan and recommendations that will improve your daily living. Some of the available treatments that an occupational therapist provides are listed below: Gross motor groups 1:1 Therapy Movement games Play therapy Education on how to maximise function Spatial awareness therapy In summary Movement ABC would assess how your child moves in relation to occupations and activities. It would look across three aspects, the environment, the occupations (including the difficulty required to complete them) and the person. One of our trained paediatric occupational therapists will then provide a treatment plan following the results of this assessment. If you would like a Movement ABC assessment or want to talk about any of the problems above then please email [office@otforkids.co.uk](mailto:office@otforkids.co.uk) or call 0330 223 0888 Next steps: Please contact one of our experienced occupational therapists today and we will gladly discuss how we can help and what services we can offer you.

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