

## OT Scope of Practice Survey Results Summary

The Scope of Practice statement is a description of the profession which will be inserted into the Occupational Therapist Regulation; it is a required component of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA). As a first step through the regulation transition journey, the Legislation Committee has proposed the following revised Scope of Practice statement:

*Occupational therapy practice is the application of occupational therapy knowledge, skills and judgement; it includes assessment and intervention. Occupational therapy assessment considers the client's:*

- *physical, emotional, social and cognitive capacity and assets;*
- *occupational performance, engagement, and demands; and*
- *physical (built), social, and cultural environments*

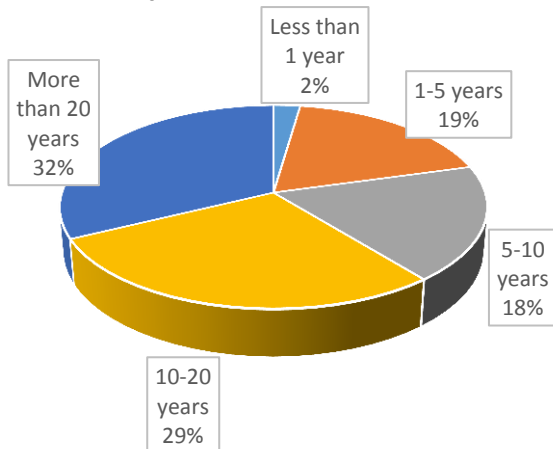
*Occupational therapy interventions enable participation in meaningful occupations of everyday life for optimal health and wellbeing. The scope of practice includes education, administration and research.*

In May 2013, the Legislation Committee, COTM, coordinated a survey to solicit COTM member feedback about the proposed Scope of Practice statement. We appreciate that so many members provided feedback. A total of 174 Occupational Therapists responded to the survey, 27% of COTM membership. We are pleased to share the following summary of your feedback.

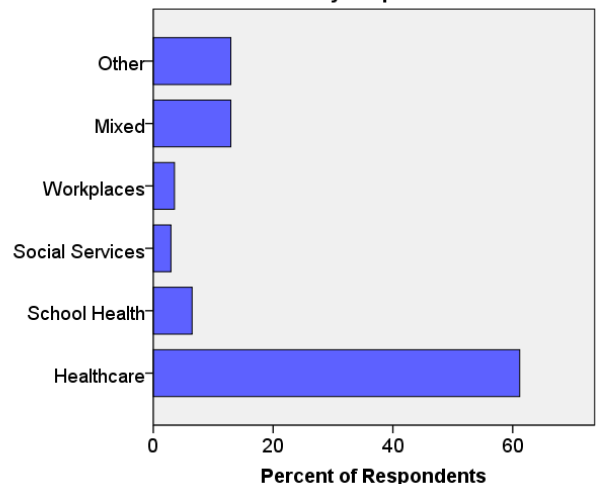
### Respondent Demographics

COTM Member	# of Members	# of Respondents
Practicing	599	167
Non Practicing/Provisional	57	7
Total	656	174

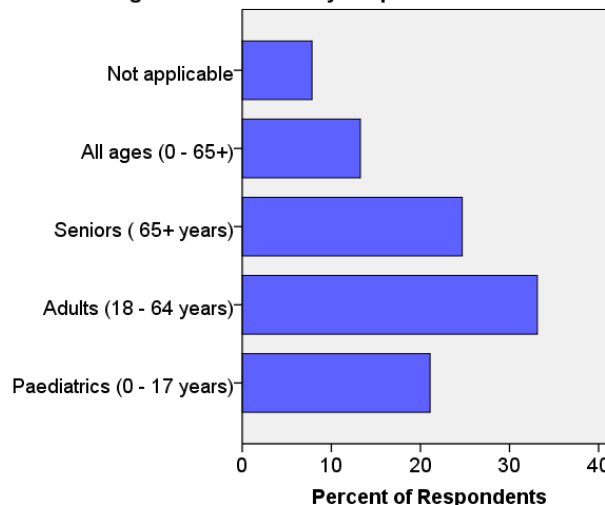
**Years of Practice of Survey Respondents**



**Area of Practice of Survey Respondents**



**Age of Client of Survey Respondents**



## Summary of Findings

When asked the extent to which the DRAFT Scope of Practice (SoP) statement reflected occupational therapy practice, the majority of respondents (57%) indicated that the statement described occupational therapy, 39% of respondents indicated the statement required minor editing or changes, and 5% of respondents indicated the draft statement required significant editing or changes.

Statement	N (% of respondents)			
	Yes	Somewhat	No	Total
Does the DRAFT SoP statement meet the identified characteristics?				
Reflects practice	128 (74)	44 (25)	2 (1)	174
Captures the diverse range of OT clients	81 (47)	66 (38)	27 (16)	174
Embraces important OT values and beliefs	133 (76)	37 (21)	4 (2)	174
Reads in a clear and concise manner	123 (71)	45 (26)	5 (3)	173
Remove or replaces outdated language	130 (77)	37 (22)	1 (1)	168
Describes practice without using jargon	120 (69)	46 (26)	8 (5)	174

There were no significant differences in respondent demographics correlated to draft statement of practice responses ( $p < .05$ )

## Next Steps

We will continue to request your feedback on the next generation of the Scope of Practice. In addition, we will also be requesting your feedback about draft reserved activities, in the future.

## Background Information and Resources

The following information about the RHPA process may be helpful to your understanding:

- January 2014 COTM Executive Director's message at [http://www.cotm.ca/index.php/news/regulated\\_health\\_professions\\_act\\_rhpa\\_proclaimed](http://www.cotm.ca/index.php/news/regulated_health_professions_act_rhpa_proclaimed)
- COTM PowerPoint presentation [http://www.cotm.ca/upload/COTM\\_video\\_presentation.avi](http://www.cotm.ca/upload/COTM_video_presentation.avi)