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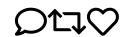
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#OTalk @OTalk_

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Tonight's #OTalk with @MarcusD88167580 also this is the last #OTalk of 2019 <https://t.co/PxDDDrY0KI>



B2 @OTBrianNY

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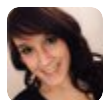
Happening today #OTalk Why do men become occupational therapists?



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

9 days ago

Interesting topic



Emma Barrington @emmagumbleySLT

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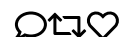
RT @DangerOT: The @BarnsleyAT team are providing FREE "Access to communication" training for SLTs, OTs & Educators on 3 Feb 20. Find out ab...



JasminOT @JasminLaffy

9 days ago

@OTalk_ @MarcusD88167580 Disappointed tonight I'll miss it. In India at the moment and #OTalk is at 1:30am



Nicola lee @Nicolal40597567

9 days ago

RT @OTalk_: #OTalk 17th Dec 2019 – Why Do Men Become Occupational Therapists? <https://t.co/PxDDDrY0KI>





Helen OTUK @Helen_OTUK

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#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

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My twitter fingers are primed and ready!



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Join us tonight for the last #OTalk of the year. A very interesting subject, to end what has been a lovely year of #Otalk chats <https://t.co/YBCmxtdbbt>

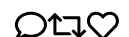


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Looking forward to you all joining in tonight #Otalk at 8 o'clock. The last of 2019. What has been your most memorable #OTalk chat this year?

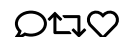
<https://t.co/OwHLuiPpU>



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

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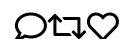
Don't forget about this one tonight @Keirwales @BillWongOT @ChrisEdge81 @musedNeuroOT #maleOTs



Rebecca Murrall @BecciM12407

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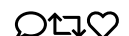
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Graham Walker @OT_Graham

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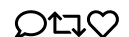
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Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

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RT @OTBrianNY: Happening today #OTalk Why do men become occupational therapists? <https://t.co/Q6oNS3TGkS>

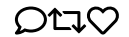




Keir Harding @Keirwales

9 days ago

Anyone warming up for tonight's #otalk on why men go into Occupational Therapy, here is my account of the deliberation, pondering and brain wracking I went through before choosing it as a profession
<https://t.co/V8IH9ecg6f>



Elle, MSOT @elleOT2019

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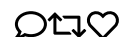
Just 15 minutes before tonight #Otalk Time to settle down read the blog and get ready. <https://t.co/YBCmxtdbbt>



Rachel Booth ❤️ @OT_rach

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I'm supporting tonight #Otalk an interesting topic about gender in the profession of occupational therapy. Join in at 8 o'clock.



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

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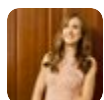
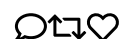
Ugh my computer has decided to start to play up. Might not be as active for #OTalk as I had hoped.



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Five minute warning before #OTalk starts.



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

9 days ago

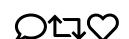
@OTalk_ @MarcusD88167580 Oh god! At is already #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

9 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT Just post comments in #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

9 days ago

Welcome to tonight's #OTalk The last of 2019. @OT_rach on the account tonight. Before we get started I'll re-cap the ground rules. Say hello if your here! <https://t.co/ZyhGKrPSPc>





Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT
@OTalk_ @OT_rach 'Hello' #OTalk

9 days ago



Will Chegidden @willchegidden

9 days ago

#Otalk getting a silly anecdote out the way before we start. I got into OT because I did a career survey and it gives you a list of jobs that might suit you, which you then look up in a big book of jobs. One on my list had a typo ... "occupational the rapist" and 15 year old



Will Chegidden @willchegidden

9 days ago

#otalk me thought that was hilarious. So I looked it up and thought... that actually sound like quite a good career.... the rest is history



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT
@OTalk_ @OT_rach Hey Rachel! #OTalk

9 days ago



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@OTalk_ @OT_rach Hi everyone. #otalk <https://t.co/iblaAl6P4J>



#OTalk @OTalk_

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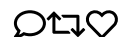
Chat rule 2: Remember to abide by your @The_HCPC and @theRCOT guidelines, thought the chat. #OTalk <https://t.co/RpZ4iu45Nt>



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Chat rule 3. Please be respectful of others. #OTalk <https://t.co/5npM4QbTcw>



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Welcome #OTalk





#OTalk @OTalk_
Welcome Keir #otalk

9 days ago



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac
@OTalk_ @OT_rach 🙌 #OTalk

9 days ago



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
Hello dudes and ladies! (Fitting words for tonight's #otalk 🤓)

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#OTalk @OTalk_
Hi there Ryan #otalk

9 days ago



Rachel Hall @RachHallster
Hi all #OTalk

9 days ago



#OTalk @OTalk_
Right then over to @MarcusD88167580 with the first question. #OTalk
<https://t.co/5GWXataFS9>

9 days ago



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@OTalk_ @OT_rach Hi. I am lurking... #otalk

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Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
RT @OTalk_: Welcome to tonight's #OTalk The last of 2019. @OT_rach on the account tonight. Before we get started I'll re-cap the ground r...

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Kelsie Morton @Kelsie_Morton82
@OTalk_ @OT_rach Helli @OTalk_ #OTalk looking forward to tonights talk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
Don't forget that # in every single tweet otherwise you end up on my naughty step. #otalk

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Craig @dyspraxicot
@GeorgiaVineOT @OTalk_ @OT_rach Hello #Otalk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
Lurkers are always welcome #OTalk

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@BillWongOT Some participants may be non-binary #otalk

9 days ago



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
@OTalk_ Maybe we should use "the penalty box" (from hockey reference) for today's theme... lol! #otalk

9 days ago



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580
Q1 Hi guys thank you for joining tonight. Let's get stuck in with a meaty first question. Q1 Why do you think that there are a significantly lower number of male occupational therapists in comparison to the number of female occupational therapists? #OTalk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
Hello @mcwalser please wait for the questions. And please include the hashtag in all of your tweets otherwise people will not see what you're saying and it will not end up on the transcript. The hashtag is #OTalk

9 days ago



Rachel Ravey McLoughlin @RachelRaveyMcL
@OTalk_ @OT_rach Forgot the #otalk 🙄

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Keir Harding @Keirwales
@BillWongOT @OTalk_ The testosterone prison? #otalk

9 days ago



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT
Evening all! #otalk <https://t.co/o0xj9HXZap>

9 days ago



Rachel Johnson OT Seashell Trust @RJOTSeashell
Hello! #OTalk @OTalk_

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#OTalk @OTalk_

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Marcus you forgot the hashtag! 😞 #OTalk please please please please remember the #!!!



Will Chegwiddden @willchegwiddden

9 days ago

@musedNeuroOT @BillWongOT I guess that raises a serious point. If this was a session on female gender would men be always welcome? Or at least men criticised for wading in? Should this be a male only space for the evening? #otalk (ps I don't think so)



Mark @MarkMarkOT

9 days ago

hi y'all! #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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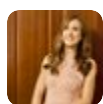
@MarcusD88167580 Good question- I admit OT was relatively bottom on my list when I went for my undergrad degree. I thought I would be a math teacher. Anatomy and physiology were my archnemeses in high school. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Please include the hashtag not the @. The hashtag is #OTalk (you must include the hashtag in every single tweet)



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

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@MarcusD88167580 Because of how OT is portrayed in the media #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

9 days ago

Remember that # #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Because of patriarchal social standards that enforce that caring roles, or the 'caring professions' are feminine/womens work, and not suitable for men. #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

9 days ago

Thank you for remembering #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Q1 - We don't exude masculinity. Craft, baskets, arty and fluffy. We need more of @BillWongOT 's NFL OT ideas and more of the guy in OT News who did axe throwing. Also, we are traditionally female so change is slow. #otalk



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Probably similar to other health professions. Caring roles seen as female? gender stereotypes. I do think we need more males to be come representative of those we work with. #otalk need the right attributes to be and OT though. I'm hopeful 1 of my 3 sons will become and OT



#OTalk @OTalk_

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That # again #OTalk



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

9 days ago

Hi #OTalk let's do this



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

9 days ago

I'm late, hi everyone #OTalk



Paula Hooks Student OT @StricklandPaula

9 days ago

@OTalk_ 😊 #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I also will say- I initially was intimidated when I saw so many women in my OT class! I was one of 8 men in a class of almost 120 people. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Question 1 #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

9 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Penalty box idea is from NHL. #wongleague #otalk



Janet @janetregan3

9 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach 🙋 Hello #OTalk. I am also lurking, looks an interesting one but I must not get too distracted from the assignment I am trying to write! 📝 🤪



Keir Harding @Keirwales

9 days ago

@GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 Its portrayed in the media????? I remember when coronation street had an OT and they changed them to a physio the following week. #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

9 days ago

@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 I was in a similar situation, and it was a great selling point, having to deal with much less masculinity being thrown about. #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

9 days ago

Yes I remember that! Very frustrating #otalk



B2 @OTBrianNY

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@OTalk_ @OT_rach Hello Brian here #OTalk



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #otalk masculinity?? Is it because men are supposed to be macho and not the caring type (not my views) like you pink job blue job kind of thing, sure there is better way of putting that, but you know what i mean 🤔



Keir Harding @Keirwales

9 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 35% psychiatric nurses are men.... 🙄 #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

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@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Oh my! Well yes I suppose that's a topic in itself #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Top Tip: it's probably not possible to follow every tweet & conversation thread in the chat. So focus on the ones that are most relevant to you - you can catch up later. There will also be a transcript! #OTalk <https://t.co/sPtPNeNaRz>



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Interesting question. I'm not sure. I guess our stereotype is quite feminine which might exclude young men leaving school considering OT as a career perhaps #OTalk



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@GillyGorry @MarcusD88167580 I was attracted because the description on the career card did not mention 'caring' but on encouraging independence, working with any condition/age group and allowed for work across the world #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 I have not done a formal count, but I also see that from OT tedx's. I think the total number of women outnumbered men... even though it was a man (me) who broke this glass ceiling! #otalk



Craig @dyspraxicot

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 From what I understood it is seemed that if you are a male OT you're homosexual. So to avoid stigma I think most males would take the physiotherapy route. Its something a lecturer made me aware of when I was in uni and I see the point of view #otalk



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

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@GillyGorry @MarcusD88167580 #otalk put so nicely, this is what i was trying to say. Gender roles.



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Don't forget the hashtag #otalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Caring professions are traditionally seen as female roles. This is quite rightly being challenged but it takes time to change a commonly held view. You could go as far as to talk about social conditioning and what kind of discussions were held re caring roles when a child #otalk



Susan Griffiths @SusanGriffiths5

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Persisting stereotypes of what is considered traditional female versus male jobs #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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RT @hoffiOT: @MarcusD88167580 Caring professions are traditionally seen as female roles. This is quite rightly being challenged but it take...



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 You said ages ago how it would be great if an NFL team had an OT and what a boost that would be for the profession #tweetssomuchhecantremember #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

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RT @Keirwales: @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 35% psychiatric nurses are men....😞 #otalk



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@Keirwales @GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 And he had an affair with Liz McDonald - not the type of therapy I offer #otalk



neil ford @rainkingswales

9 days ago

@OTalk_ #otalk I didn't know initially that there were so few men in the profession. It was a while ago. I just knew that after meeting an ot, that the values, beliefs and core philosophy matched my own, And I wanted to do it. I think as more men become emotionally aware they will too.



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

9 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach Lurking tonight 🤝 #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Haha! I have almost 200k tweets. So odds of me remembering a particular tweet is super slim. 😂 #otalk



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@Keirwales do you want to be my naughty step? don't forget that # in every single tweet. #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@sherlynmelody @MarcusD88167580 Would it be fair to say that some activities are disproportionately engaged in by men but those dont tend to be the ones we associate with OT? #otalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

9 days ago

@Keirwales @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 #OTalk i know this is not about ethnicity, but are a lot of those men of African heritage? Just wondering??



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

9 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Sorry #OTalk 😊



#hellomynameis Carolyn @CeeCeeOT

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Q1 Hi guys thank you for joining tonight. Let's get stuck in with a meaty first question. Q1 Why do you think that th...



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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@rainkingswales @OTalk_ When I got introduced to the field, I also never knew there were so few men. So I have to practice my adaptation skills from day 1... lol! #otalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 OT is mainly portrayed through media and conversations as working in physical health settings, helping people with their personal care. As a male I feel that men are viewed differently when it comes to helping people with personal care e.g. I've always had a female... #otalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

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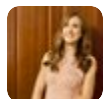
#OTalk Q1 thoughts on why: stereotypes, media, traditional roles, lack of male role models/more female voices in the field...?



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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RT @hoffiOT: @MarcusD88167580 OT is mainly portrayed through media and conversations as working in physical health settings, helping people...



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

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@MarcusD88167580 Also schemas form a big part of this! #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@OTalk_ I'm not putting a hashtag in saying Hi! #otalk



♥ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥ @sherlynmelody

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@musedNeuroOT @Keirwales @GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580
#OTalk ha ha ha ha



#OTalk @OTalk_

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You're just need to use the #otalk not @OTalk_ in your tweets.



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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@MarkMarkOT I think that is why I decide to be an online influencer so that I can be one for the broOT's. #otalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

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@OTalk_ #otalk



victoria strother @vickystrother

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach #OTalk all ready.. kids in bed!



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@Alexander_P_OT @sherlynmelody @MarcusD88167580 It's not been my experience in wales....maybe more so in the big cities. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_
@Keirwales But that's the rules! 🤪 #OTalk

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Mark @MarkMarkOT
@BillWongOT @MarkMarkOT Strong twitter game Bill, keep it up for bro-OT's! #otalk

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Welcome #otalk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
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Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
I do say there have been some men for AOTA Slagle lecturers in this decade. I would say at least 3 men did it. So that's progress! #otalk

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Keir Harding @Keirwales
@hoffiOT @MarcusD88167580 And ALWAYS a physio getting someone walking/back to supreme athletic performance again #otalk

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Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT
@MarcusD88167580accompany me for personal care sessions with female patients. I feel that there can be an element of suspicion projected towards men helping people with personal care etc which I'm not sure is projected towards female colleagues in the same way. #otalk

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#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT
@MarcusD88167580 Oops #otalk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
#otalk the easiest way to remember the # in every single tweet is to start every single tweet with the hashtag! <https://t.co/Rv7MlcU1uQ>

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Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
@Alexander_P_OT @MarkMarkOT Well- it is actually popular in the USA. There used to be a group of OT guys who make T-shirts to promote men in the profession. #otalk

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Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I'm here but late. #OTalk #BroTalk This is meaty. Personally I think that research has shown that gender differences, whether from genetics or social factors, lead females towards more 'caring professions' which I think is how OT is viewed



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@MarcusD88167580 @OTalk_ Biggest role model so far being Matt Damon? #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

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@BillWongOT @MarkMarkOT I can honestly say that if I had seen one of those before becoming an OT I would have been thoroughly put off by them #OTalk



♥ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥ @sherlynmelody

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@hoffiOT @MarcusD88167580 #OTalk that's true, i think a woman could feel awkward with a man observing her during a washing and dressing assessment, whereas a male patient may not seem to mind as much.



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@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 That film was horrendous! #otalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

#OTalk perhaps there is a greater responsibility on male OTs working in traditional/non-traditional roles to promote the profession.



Georgia Riga @Spourgitaki

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 There may be a pay stereotype rooted here. If traditionally a man is/was considered "the bread winner", then AHP professions are not paying enough. Physio is an exception perhaps but most male PTs specialise in MSK/Sports? better prospect of pay as mostly private #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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Keir Harding @Keirwales

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@OTalk_ Is this the worst hashtag behaviour for some time? #otalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

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Q2 Considering the small amount of men who are occupational therapist why do you think that some men become OT's? Happy to hear personal stories as well as general thoughts. #OTalk



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing

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@MarcusD88167580 #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 @OTalk_ #mattdamon #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

@Keirwales Lots of new people! #OTalk but yes so far my naughty step is full.



Martin O'Doherty @MartinODoherty5

8 days ago

If I had my time again I'd have chosen radiography or podiatry I think #otalk



B2 @OTBrianNY

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk I think it may have started from early days of mental health and engagement of occupation with making things



Holleigh Bryan 🇬🇧 @HolleighLouise

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 There's a lot of talk about gender stereotypes putting men off caring roles but I wonder how much society and norms steers women towards caring roles and men towards other types of professions during their upbringing? #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarkMarkOT Now there is another twitter account named @bro_ot. Don't think it's the same group of people. #otalk



🇬🇧 **JM Sherlym** 🇬🇧 @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @BillWongOT @MarkMarkOT #otalk maybe you would change your mind now that you are in the profession or would you just change it to a better name??



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Question 2 #OTalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Q2 Considering the small amount of men who are occupational therapist why do you think that some men become OT's? Happ...



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 My wife would not be happy with this! Socialisation, gender stereotyping, labeling and societal structure influence more #otalk When I was a kid I wasn't given a doll, I was given a gun.



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

#OTalk how do. I'm lurking and trying to keep up. I'll check the transcript out too.



Lauren @Lauren_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Unsure, but an observation I've made is that the majority of male OTs I've worked with have joined the profession later in life, so maybe some element of personal / life experience may be their influence #OTalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk OT was the profession that most aligned with my values that I could do with a grant or being paid to train



Craig @dyspraxicot

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I became an OT to defy statistics and I wanted to give back an opportunity to others that I was given when I was a child. #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 At that time, it was a personal suggestion from my mom on what to do with my life and career. Somehow I lucked out and found my niche after having some struggles. #otalk



Holleigh Bryan ❤️🏳️‍🌈 @HolleighLouise

8 days ago

RT @Spourgitaki: @MarcusD88167580 There may be a pay stereotype rooted here. If traditionally a man is/was considered "the bread winner",...



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

RT @dyspraxicot: @MarcusD88167580 I became an OT to defy statistics and I wanted to give back an opportunity to others that I was given whe...



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @MarcusD88167580 He was better in the Bourne Identity and Good Will Hunting #otalk This may not be entirely relevant....



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@sherlynmelody @BillWongOT @MarkMarkOT It's still off putting now. Obviously not knowing anything about the initiative I can't really say, but I suspect I wouldn't be happy about the approach of anything with the word 'bro' in the title. #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 I felt the same way after year 1 in OT school... since that was when I found out I am autistic. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Ha ha #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

What should that look like Mark? #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk Because is a bloody great profession? I'm looking forward to hearing some real life reasons.



Tom Groombridge @TomG_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Personally in terms of why men get into OT, is the same as anyone else, but I think the lack of us is down to how OT is seen and as it pains me to say, how that fits into typical gender stereotypes, and should be something we'd targeted in recruitment and how we promote OT #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

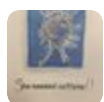
Total accident. No offers through UCAS. Went through clearing. Got offered a place on an OT course. Accepted it. Went to the library to find out what it was. Yes the library. That is how old I am. #OTalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Last year of bursaries...coupled with it being something that gave structure to my tendency to try and help others that could be self destructive. Nothing at all to do with gender to be honest. #OTalk



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCConnell

8 days ago

RT @Keirwales: @sherlynmelody @MarcusD88167580 Would it be fair to say that some activities are disproportionately engaged in by men but th...



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@MartinODoherty5 Boo! Why is that Martin? #otalk



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham In my experience male OTs usually have active lives and interesting hobbies ☺ this makes me think that male OTs are the value in occupation. #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I never ever thought I would end up with so many wonderful lady friends for life. But I will gladly take it. #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Because of the diverse role? #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@HolleighLouise @MarcusD88167580 I concur! #otalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

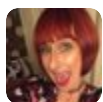
@helenleckie Thank you for that. I will try and find that out.. The general trend of the last 10 years seems that the number of OT's is increasing and with it the number of men in OT but staying as the same proportion (just under 8%) #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Im not happy about it either but the research shows it in so many fields #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 #otalk me too! I shopped around and this fits me like a glove.



Craig @dyspraxicot

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 Similar beliefs. Well done to you. #otalk



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham In my experience male OTs I've met have active lives and interesting hobbies so I guess they see the value in occupation ☺ #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @sherlynmelody @MarkMarkOT I think that can be a cultural thing. If I were studying in HK, I would have wondered the same thing! #otalk



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk its funny you say this, i have never really noticed the gender thing or maybe I'm just conditioned to thinking care is more female, with the exceptions being surgeons, consultants etc. We have a few male OT's but I've never asked them 'why OT' I'll ask them now!!



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Very interesting thought hear! #otalk



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @Keirwales #OTalk ha ha



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

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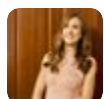
@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Relatable 👍 #OTalk
<https://t.co/iOiSmpVFFP>



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I became an OT through personal endorsement from my cousin. She was working as a MH OT and told me re the life changing work she was doing. Lots of her examples were about groups she was running with male patients. I was attracted to the variety, autonomy and impact of OT #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

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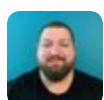
@debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 That's exactly what I wanted to put! It's so diverse why would you not one to become an OT? #OTalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Not the bursaries, I didn't get those 😞 #OTalk



💧 **Brock** @brockcookOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham Because they hold parallel values and personality traits to the dominant culture of the profession #otalk



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I connected with the values of the profession. Doing my own research on OT. I never saw gender, masculinity or feminism. At that time, (and still now) occupation is boundless and inclusive. However, when i started studying i was thrown back by being the only lad #otalk 😊



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MartinODoherty5 #OTalk why do you say that, even those are very different from each other. Interesting though!



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

@brockcookOT #OTalk @brockcookOT I thought I was being as broad as possible!



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham I will defy the stereotype, other than my travel adventures, I am quite a boring person since I don't have much of a social life. I need to save for my travels. 🤔 #otalk



B2 @OTBrianNY

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham #OTalk I don't think at the time I worried about the amount men represented in the profession until I started classes. I think in my OTA classes we had about 3 or 4 males. I met a female contractor and basically found a school to attend



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

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RT @HolleighLouise: @MarcusD88167580 There's a lot of talk about gender stereotypes putting men off caring roles but I wonder how much soci...



#OTalk @OTalk_

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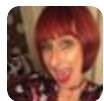
Don't forget that # #otalk



Will Chegwidden @willchegwidden

8 days ago

@Lauren_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk again I think this varies from country to country. I've noticed it more here in the UK, but not so much when I trained in Aus 25 years ago.



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@hoffiOT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk we're better for having you aboard.



♥️ JM Sherlym GB ♥️ @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@OTBrianNY @MarcusD88167580 #otalk i would agree, looking back in the old pictures, it was always some woman in a long Victorian type gown, not looking very therapeutic with a basket in hand. Serving the men from the war. Def gender role there.



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

We are now halfway through the chat! #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Please remember to include the hashtag in all your tweets, otherwise people will not see what you're saying and your tweet will not be included in the transcript. #OTalk <https://t.co/pBKU7efl1E>



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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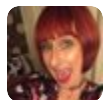
RT @hoffiOT: @MarcusD88167580 I became an OT through personal endorsement from my cousin. She was working as a MH OT and told me re the lif...



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham Travelling is pretty interesting 😊 #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@sherlynmelody @OTBrianNY @MarcusD88167580 #otalk on both counts



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @brockcookOT #OTalk why would we have to think about it? I'm genuinely interested to hear your thoughts.



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@GeorgiaVineOT @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 You have to hear about first to know its diverse.... 😞 #otalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

Q3 Do you think that there are certain employment areas of occupational therapy that are more or less accessible to work in based on an OT's gender? #OTalk Loving the enthusiasm for this topic so far.



La-Rayba Parveen @LaRayba_OT

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #OTalk 😂🙋



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 That's true #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham Lol- I know my OT CPD expense is expensive. It's an expensive upkeep to pay as someone who goes around the globe for OT conferences. #otalk



Paula Hooks Student OT @StricklandPaula

8 days ago

@Laura_Does @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Our cohort didn't either #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Question 3 #otalk



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 1 thing for me was that I felt I could add a different perspective to a team, being male in a predominantly female profession. I also like the values of the profession which is the most important thing, i wasn't going to let my gender prevent me from studying/practicing it #OTalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@OTalk_ And I'm fashionably late but here now #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

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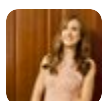
RT @OTalk_: We are now halfway through the chat! #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@StricklandPaula @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Not sure who's better off tbh 🤔 #OTalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 That's true and corries no help 😊 #OTalk



Martin O'Doherty @MartinODoherty5

8 days ago

@sherlynmelody Oh it's a loooooong story haha and not one for tonight's #otalk #mentalhealth #ocd



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

RT @OTalk_: Question 1 #otalk <https://t.co/WHBilBrNcK>



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Based on my limited experience. No. #OTalk



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@OTalk_ Hello #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@uk_james @OTalk_ #otalk. Hi James 🗨️



Lauren @Lauren_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Another observation of mine, I've worked in general and MH settings. More Male OTs / Male OT support staff in MH services, and especially within forensic MH services. More Male physio's in general. #OTalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @OTalk_ *waves* #otalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk we have a young man in our team who is a community care officer which is basically an unqualified social worker. For him its the choice between social work & OT, he prefers OT to social work as he finds its more focused. He already enjoys supporting people.



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Welcome #otalk



Lauren @Lauren_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 That is not to say these areas are more or less accessible to OTs solely based on gender though. #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I was used to the opposite in primary school in Hong Kong (an all boys school). So at least I had some experiences before OT in terms of being overwhelmingly one sided gender wise. #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

RT @OTalk_: Question 2 #OTalk <https://t.co/yA1ur9QZ4A>



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@elleOT2019 @musedNeuroOT @MarcusD88167580 Absolutely.

Language is key. As a profession we need to demonstrate what we do better. #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Perinatal mental health springs to mind? #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @hoffiOT 's point about watching people dressing is important. Same goes for toileting. #otalk



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I'm not really sure but my own personal experience is that more male OTs work in mental health roles than physical health roles. I think personal care may put some men off #otalk



Lauren @Lauren_OT

8 days ago

@willchegwidden @MarcusD88167580 I can obviously only speak from my England based experience! #OTalk



katy @katy92806851

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach Hello #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 @hoffiOT And interesting if you have to grade practicums of students doing toileting and bathing too. #otalk



Craig @dyspraxicot

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I was worried when I was in uni as I wanted to do paediatrics and thought as a male I won't get into that area as its not acceptable I thought for a male to carry out intervention on a child from the point of view of the child's guardians. Don't know why I thought that #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@MarkMarkOT @brockcookOT It could shift the dynamic of the profession, how it is seen and the role that it fulfills. Service users often reposed differently to males than females. Those static traits you can't control #OTalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk I feel this is a 'no'. People in the profession are pretty open-minded (at least I think so).



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales @GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk I know! I'd never heard about it until I was um 40ish. Wish I'd started earlier.



♥️ **JM Sherlym GB** ♥️ @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MartinODoherty5 #OTalk maybe you can host a chat and tell us all about it 😊



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Don't forget to put the hashtag in all your tweets otherwise you won't be in the thread! #otalk <https://t.co/MZGHnewBSZ>



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

@Lauren_OT I think this is quite typical Lauren. Any thoughts on why? #OTalk



Sarah-Jane @0909cavendish

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach Looking forward to this thread #OTalk <https://t.co/3DqoEl8h1D>



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 I remember walking into the lecture hall in @OTatBrunel an seeing this sea of 100 women with a handful of men dotted about. Obviously I...was massively socially anxious and barely said a word to them for 3 years #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 #honesty I know a lot of people who would think this way, even now #OTalk



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 The only setting I can think of, could be working in male or female prisons. Having said that, I don't think that should limit where you work. I think mentality goes a long way #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I found OT when you was 14 years old after a work experience placement at a community hospital. I thought it was pretty cool to get people back home again so that was that #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 In nursing home environments, there are some places where male staff outnumber female staff! #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I work with quite a few male OTs in mental health. #OTalk



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 This is a very interesting point. I've heard it before. It's a shame to be honest #Otalk



Will Chegidden @willchegidden

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #otalk In Australia lots seem to gravitating to private practice and Voc rehab. I would say in the UK we are under represented in acute healthcare, more likely to work in social services, MH and Hands/OP. Maybe under in paed's too?



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarkMarkOT @brockcookOT If the shift in the gender ratio reflected a shift in attitudes/understanding towards gender in a wider society ...#OTalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 Absolutely. #OTalk



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

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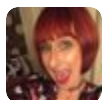
@Lauren_OT @MarcusD88167580 I second this! And I currently work in mental health too 😊 #OTalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@Keirwales @GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 I remember that too, wasn't it after Jim had a building site accident and had a spinal cord injury? #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #otalk probs perinatal arenas?



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing

8 days ago

@brockcookOT @MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham This just about sums it up for me. The more I learned about OT the more I thought 'huh, this sounds like a good match! #otalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @brockcookOT #OTalk I hear what you're saying though I do think, ultimately, the benefits of a more diverse profession would outweigh the negatives.



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 You are probably right! My view is only based on my little view of my Scottish experience #otalk



Tom Groombridge @TomG_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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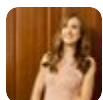
@MarkMarkOT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk I knew I wanted to go into forensics. That had the highest m:f ratio of any other place I've worked. #otalk



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@OTalk_ Interesting question. I've met far more male gynaecologists than female. As a patient I prefer to see a female, but little choice. I wonder if therapists are more in tune with the people we work with & think more about gender in relation to how our clients may work with us? #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I agree mental health. #OTalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Female Personality Disorder units potentially. If people have suffered sexual abuse from males that could be difficult #OTalk I don't want to get into the complexity of this with @Keirwales though cos we all know he votes Brexit



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 I worked in a nursing home in USA where all OT staff are males. #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@OTalk_ I'm picturing you melting down at the moment #otalk



Martin O'Doherty @MartinODoherty5

8 days ago

@sherlynmelody That's a kind offer! My mental illness just kinda ruined my career before I got it started...that's the top and tails of it! But I'd always struggled with the wooliness of #OT which makes me think I'd have been better suited elsewhere #otalk



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCCConnell

8 days ago

Controversial clanger - Do we have an 'old girls club' so that we make people in our own image? #OTalk



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I Don't Think There Is...Just Personal Preferences I Suppose. I Personally Loved My Trauma & Orthopaedic Placement But At The Same Confirmed To Me That I Wouldn't Want To Work In A General Hospital Setting. #OTalk



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Well I was looking for new careers. I took a long hard look at nursing and social work, but then that very same week I met my gf's (now wife) mum who was OTA and then my grandad needed OT. It was destiny and the 1st time I'd heard of OT #otalk



Toukie Mortimer @ToukieM

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #otalk different personalities suit different areas of practice I think ?



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 Speaking of Scottish... need to revisit there again. I hope RCOT will be back in Scotland so that I can visit again... especially with my improved golf game! #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@uk_james @GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 Think so #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 Many a year since I weaved a basket 🙈 #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

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RT @dyspraxicot: @MarcusD88167580 I was worried when I was in uni as I wanted to do paediatrics and thought as a male I won't get into that...



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

Q4 What do you think are the implications of a predominantly female OT workforce? #otalk



Kate Tudor @OT_KateT

8 days ago

@MarkMarkOT @OT_Graham @brockcookOT Here's the episode! #OTalk #PodcastGeek <https://t.co/Fe25xNSxpc>



Sarah-Jane @0909cavendish

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OTalk_ #OTalk there was a male OT in Coronation Street a while back



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

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@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 I'd be supportive! That would save me travelling #Otalk



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #OTalk possibly similar to other healthcare professions such as nursing though us physiotherapy more equal in terms of male / female



#OTalk @OTalk_

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@0909cavendish @MarcusD88167580 Yes we've already talked about him however he turned into a physiotherapist by the end! #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 There go another 10 #otalk



Will Chegidden @willchegidden

8 days ago

@DrCConnell Not controversial, there is definitely an element of that. I'll preface by saying of course through history/culture women are overall much more disadvantaged; but sometimes when you are on SM and there is post after post about women in science you can feel a bit left out #otalk



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 @OTatBrunel Can't have been easy. Not saying a word can be a challenge in itself in terms of peer support #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I actually enjoy the spread that we have now. I think my informal poll shows that about 70% of my close OT friends are females. #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Less fellow professionals try and talk to me about 'man things' I have no interest in. Much less toxic masculinity in the workplace. #OTalk



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@uk_james @SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 Nothing wrong with weaving a basket of it's meaningful..#otalk <https://t.co/Av9WOgb7aL>



OT & Chill @ot_chill

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Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

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@TomG_OT @MarcusD88167580 Interesting. Is this request from both male and female patients? #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@Lauren_OT @MarcusD88167580 It's perhaps seen that if males have an interest in this area they opt for physio. Which is the wrong mindset #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

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@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 Yes- and satisfy a golf bucket list item for me- playing at the home of golf in St. Andrew's! #otalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MartinODoherty5 #otalk ok I see 👍



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 I wonder *ducks....whether the occurrence of restraint in mental health is what gets the extra men in psychiatric nursing. Men do like to wrestle....#otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@GeorgiaVineOT @Lauren_OT @MarcusD88167580 I do hear that one graduating class of physio's are actually 50-50 at USC (American one in California). #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_
Question 4 #otalk

8 days ago



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781
@OTalk_ #OTalk perhaps historical

8 days ago



James Lampert @uk_james
@MarcusD88167580 I've read the convo in this one and haven't seen anyone mention the topic of whether there's a higher than average ratio of men in management roles vs the number of registered Male OTs #otalk

8 days ago



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT
@Keirwales @OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 👁️...#OTalk

8 days ago



Lauren @Lauren_OT
@MarcusD88167580 Physio probably seen as more masculine and generally probably more well known to joe public as a profession. #OTalk

8 days ago



Tom Groombridge @TomG_OT
@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 I find male patients often refuse, possibly as I mainly deal with older adults and could be linked to pride? That my theory anyways 🧐 #OTalk

8 days ago



Susan Griffiths @SusanGriffiths5
@Keirwales @OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 I think there is some truth in this. I seen this in residential schools for boys with challenging behaviours #OTalk

8 days ago



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing
@MarcusD88167580 Potentially, but then surely that applies to other professions as well. I do however think certain areas are perceived as more desirable for men. In my NHS, male OT's are perhaps 1 in 10, surely well above the average? #otalk

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#OTalk @OTalk_
15 minutes left #OTalk

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Kate Tudor @OT_KateT
@GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 As more, or less accessible? #OTalk

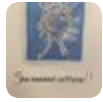
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James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

RT @OTalk_: Question 4 #otalk <https://t.co/F38llaSu0W>



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCCConnell

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@willchegwidden I have reflected on the different work practices of man dominated and woman dominated work spaces. There is definitely wider structural and social influences than individualising #otalk - ps I remember seeing you talk at COT conference when. I was a student 😊



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Less opportunity for our clients to have the choice of who they work with. We have wonderful female OTs, but we have ample space for wonderful male OTs. It's about serving our clients interests ultimately. #otalk



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 In my nhs trust lol, I don't speak for the NHS 😂
#otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

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@BillWongOT @Lauren_OT @MarcusD88167580 #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

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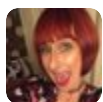
@SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 @OTatBrunel My fantasy is that the other men found it easier. #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 And here's me thinking the toxic feminity (wrong wording really but you get my drift) is worse 🙄 #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales @OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 #otalk physical intervention wasn't the most hated part of my time in secure education! But I can see where the more physical work would appeal to some people, blokes.



Tamsyn Richardson @OTRichardson4

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

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@DrCCConnell I think there is an 'old girls club' we don't all need to go though.. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_
Don't forget that # #otalk

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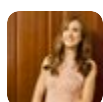
Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580
@uk_james There is an assumption that this happens, and it does seem to be true in other AHPS, but there isn't much research on it. It's something I'm going to try and find out though in my MSc project. Glass Escalator stuff #OTalk.

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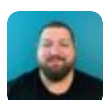
Jordan Farquhar @modernworldOT
@MarcusD88167580 Hi everyone. Sorry just lingering tonight. Interested in the chat. Does anyone know of a male OT network group / WhatsApp group and if not would people be interested in one being developed? Would be good to get the lads together for some #BroTalk #OTalk

8 days ago



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT
@OT_KateT @MarcusD88167580 Less due to the 'traditional' interventions? #OTalk

8 days ago



Brock @brockcookOT
@MarkMarkOT @OT_Graham Ultimately we need to stop@liking at diversity as a male/female issue and start looking at traits. If we want a more assertive profession promote to those people. You may get males and females with those traits. Increasing diversity by quota isn't the answer #otalk

8 days ago



Richard Barrett @RBarrettOT
@MarcusD88167580 My first job as an OT was at a children's hospital, in CAMHS. I was the only male OT at the hospital. I now work in MH rehab and there are a few male OTs #OTalk

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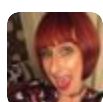
Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT
@MarcusD88167580 I made the opinion because I am generally a ladies' man. So being part of the gender minority is fine with me. 😊 #otalk

8 days ago



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781
@OTalk_ #OTalk doesn't reflect the balance in society.... Leading to bias perhaps lack of respect

8 days ago



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie
@Laura_Does @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk toxic is as toxic does, gender irrelevant

8 days ago



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I work in a male only patient setting. I think this has some pros and cons with me being female. For example it may help them open up about certain issues and close down other issues #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 I've got 4, if not 5 jobs for OTs coming up. Everyone welcome to apply (drop me your CV!) #cheeky #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

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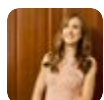
@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Could well be true but I hate restraint and never want anything to do with it. Just re did my training and hated it #Otalk



Will Chegwiddden @willchegwiddden

8 days ago

@Keirwales @OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 @MarcusD88167580 And maybe some women are less keen on the physical side of restraint. Especially if they are thinking of being pregnant at some point. #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Bias #OTalk



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@MartinODoherty5 @sherlynmelody We'd always welcome you to host a chat Martin. I remember learning a lot from you as a student. #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@TomG_OT @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 #otalk Quite a few times over the years I've had clients say they need a female therapist. Never heard it the other way around. Also repeatedly heard that I'm only in the job for access to vulnerable women, an accusation never thrown at female colleagues.



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@brockcookOT @MarkMarkOT Mate, powerful words. This is why you is the boss #OTalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #otalk totally missed q3 🙋 I work in social services and we have quite a few men, but if I'm honest I've noticed men in all areas. I could not say one area over another, but that's just because I've always been in ACS & in all my placements men were present #educateme



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

I do think it is more important to get quality professionals, period, then trying to balance out the gender mix of our profession. Quality > quantity should also apply to the graduates we produce! #OTalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

@brockcookOT @OT_Graham Good point Brock #OTalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

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@MarcusD88167580 Male OTs steering more towards certain areas of practice, thus still not being represented in majority of practice areas? #OTalk



Lauren @Lauren_OT

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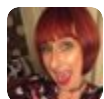
@MarcusD88167580 Male OTs in MH / Forensic MH - potentially less need for toileting/bathing/ dressing ax, the benefit of positive male role models within those services, may be seen as abit more 'exciting' and diverse? #OTalk



Martin O'Doherty @MartinODoherty5

8 days ago

@GillyGorry @sherlynmelody Aw thanks...very kind of you to say X #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales @SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 @OTatBrunel #otalk nice self validation there. Did they?



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I think it has the potential to maintain the stereotypical OT the way it is. Whether that is a good thing or not could be debated all day. Whatever happens I'll be happy though because as long as the team are supportive of both staff and patients, does it really matter? 😞 #OTalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

@GillyGorry This is something that I have been thinking about to in terms of role models. All of these are assumptions but things like benefits for older males to be able to access a male OT if they had health problems. #Otalk



Will Chegidden @willchegwidden

8 days ago

@DrCCConnell #otalk that would have been about older people and HIV. I remember talking about menopause and andropause and watching lots of "nice older ladies" try not to squirm when I uttered the phrase "vaginal dryness" ;-) good memory



Richard Barrett @RBarrettOT

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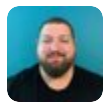
@MarcusD88167580 I became an OT after working with an OT and finding it frustrating that the other support workers would not follow the recommendations. I was surprised to find how few men there were in the profession, as on paper it sounds quite attractive to either gender #OTalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 I've always felt I've fitted in, no matter the setting. I've worked in some really interesting teams and environments, some v female dominated, some a balance and now depending on where I tip up a right old mix of extremes and something in the middle #otalk



 **Brock** @brockcookOT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarkMarkOT Just an opinionated dude with values and traits that fit with the profession of OT 😊 #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

RT @brockcookOT: @MarkMarkOT @OT_Graham Ultimately we need to stop@liking at diversity as a male/female issue and start looking at traits....



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@OT_KateT @MarcusD88167580 When in actual fact these 'traditional' interventions such a basket weaving aren't as common as they once was. #OTalk



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@Keirwales @TomG_OT @MarcusD88167580 Wow that's some accusation #otalk



Ben Metcalfe @Metcalfing

8 days ago

@GillyGorry @MarcusD88167580 I think this is a significant impact and reduces choice. I don't work in a team. The people I see don't get a choice to see a female OT and it's something I often check if they're ok sharing #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 It would make a fascinating future debate at a major OT conference. Maybe bring it up again in RCOT in the future? #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

RT @RBarrettOT: @MarcusD88167580 I became an OT after working with an OT and finding it frustrating that the other support workers would no...



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk <https://t.co/ZwS663ZlyH>



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

Final Question. Q5 What should be done, if anything, to try and encourage more men to become occupational therapists? #otalk



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

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@MarcusD88167580 Oops again #otalk



Tom Groombridge @TomG_OT

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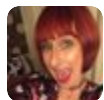
@Keirwales @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 It's worrying if any professional got that accusation, it definitely shows there's a lot of stigmas again male OT's which needs to change #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

@OTRichardson4 That's why am here to remind you! #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 #otalk less complex than that. More that toxicity is, by definition, toxic. Wherever it's found, and comparisons between genders aren't validating. I think!!!



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Stop seeing this as an OT problem and treat it for what it is, a wide ranging societal problem. Dismantle the Patriarchy. #OTalk



Tamsyn Richardson @OTRichardson4

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Possibly controversial one, but something I've heard a lot... male OTs more likely to end up in management positions or progress faster than female counterparts. I don't think this is solely a trend with OTs though #OTalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Don't forget that # #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @GillyGorry Goes both ways when people want to be treated by someone of the same/other gender. Embarrassment, social beliefs, religious beliefs etc. don't just affect female patients #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 I have adopted the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" mentality since I stepped into OT school. #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @TomG_OT @MarcusD88167580 Always a pleasure to be on the end of #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Yeah it's an interesting one. Would need to look at career paths for Male OTs - I wonder how many stay in OT specific lead roles vs those that diversity and end up in all manner of other management jobs. And look at why people (men) remain in front line practice too? #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Question 5. #otalk



Kate Tudor @OT_KateT

8 days ago

@DrCConnell My reaction to this is really interesting 1 of course, anywhere there is a dominance, it'll probably bias towards itself 2 but men have so many advantages in general (socio-cultural conditioning) they probably get more bias in their favour 3 dammit, I'm biased 4 aarrghhh! #OTalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Less opportunity for male clients so relate male clients might find it easier to build up that therapeutic relationship with another male. #OTalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 Toxic Masculinity isn't a comparison though, its a description of acceptable 'masculine' behaviours in a Patriarchal system that hurt everyone. #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@TomG_OT @Keirwales @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 I think this needs to be a collective effort. We have our own ways. For example, look at Michael Iwama and his Kawa model. Gary Kielhofner and MOHO. #otalk



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Ok and how do we do that? #OTalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Final Question. Q5 What should be done, if anything, to try and encourage more men to become occupational therapists?...



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@iamValentine_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk. Did this have a negative impact on your education?



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

Q5 #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Hmmm... I will say we all should play a role to get more men to consider the profession in ways that we do best. #otalk #strengthsbasedapproach



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

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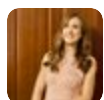
@iamValentine_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk was that not coz you originate from an 'exotic country' 🤔



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 And it's not just registered OTs.... need people in a range of support roles too OTAs, trusted assessor roles, technicians, TIs, Rehab Engineers... #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Educate more people on the diversity of OT. #OTalk



Mark @MarkMarkOT

8 days ago

Q5 #OTalk my retweet doesn't show up in twitter chat clients :(



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

Only five minutes left any final thoughts? #OTalk? <https://t.co/alSr5qStqP>



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

@Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 It's an issue for all our patients. For me choice is key. We can't provide choice if we don't have variety. #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

And even if they can't be therapists, men can also consider being assistants (where you can get qualified in Canada and USA, I believe) #otalk



Naomi S @NaomiOhTea

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #otalk I have heard this from Male OTs too. In many teams I have been part of there has only been one male OT and surely this must be isolating at times.



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

@NaomiOhTea It's just one T in the hashtag It's pronounced O talk #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 True, I've definitely experienced non-gender-specific toxic atmospheres in the workplace. Though I do think gender-specific social behaviours can affect working environments #OTalk



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

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@OTalk_ #OTalk keep getting thrown off halfway through responding... frustrating



#OTalk @OTalk_

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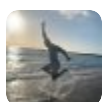
Don't forget to use the correct #!!! #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

@NaomiOhTea 😊 #OTalk



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 In My View, I Don't Think Anything Should Be Done. I Don't Really See It As An Issue. #OTalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 We start at the top...#OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@OTalk_ I will do my best to continue to travel around the globe... so that students and practitioners can have somebody to reference to if they have male friends wanting to go into occupational therapy. #otalk



Tamsyn Richardson @OTRichardson4

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk I think we're missing out on a lot of knowledge and different perspectives that could be brought to the profession. Saying that every OT I know works differently so I think not only do I want more diversity in our profession but more of us in general! We offer so much!



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 We don't promote the profession massively. If we did....sport, activities that look like a Jason Statham film, video games, not recovering but excelling, sweat, motivation....less craft, art, tea etc. #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

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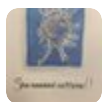
@GillyGorry @MarcusD88167580 Agreed #OTalk (Apologies for obligatory Pikachu) <https://t.co/cKy9bs911v>



Sarah Innes @SarahInnes16

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I reckon we need a more diverse workforce generally. I think we could promote the profession better in schools & be better represented in the media 📺 #otalk



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCCConnell

8 days ago

@OT_KateT 🙄🙄🙄 #otalk every1 is biased. sometimes its ok, sometimes need 2 challenge it. men shouldn't b excluded because were cross with the patriarchy, should be included for diversity it brings and better care we can then provide. (Can still b cross with patriarchy rest of the time)



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 Would be interesting to know @theRCOT policy on it and whether it's something worthy of needing one about. Although an interesting topic, is there a problem that needs a solution? Is it more that we just need more OTs coming through to do jobs that are hard to recruit to? #otalk



Will Chegwiddden @willchegwiddden

8 days ago

@OTRichardson4 @MarcusD88167580 damnit, didn't get that memo, been a Senior I/Band 7 for 19 years.... #otalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@OTalk_ And of course... thank you to a wonderful 2019 year of #Otalk. Can't believe this is the last one. Can't wait what 2020 will bring!
<https://t.co/7aV1AgTEHO>



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #OTalk... Priority use full title 'occupational therapist' stop shortening be clear about profession focus on 'doing stuff of life' in all realms of life age groups and more



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

And it's 9 pm! That's the hour over everyone. And the end of the chat #otalk <https://t.co/x6tAfZv8Yk>



Gilly- does- Doing @GillyGorry

8 days ago

Thanks for a great #otalk see everyone in the new year. Enjoy the festive break.



Tamsyn Richardson @OTRichardson4

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk more of a drive for our profession at career days in schools. If we're more well known about generally it will naturally attract more people and hopefully men to the profession. And maybe scrap the basket weaving, it's doing nothing for our street cred 😊



Hannah Spencer @hspenceruk

8 days ago

Another Tuesday evening of food for thought courtesy of an #OTalk lurk... Thanks for hosting @MarcusD88167580, look forward to hearing what your research project finds...



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@cathymc9781 @OTalk_ And also "occupational therapy assistant" in some countries! In the USA, our assistants are qualified too! #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

8 days ago

This is me @OT_rach signing off, really enjoyed supporting tonight. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us here at #otalk see you in 2020. <https://t.co/Huy50SKzbm>



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I think a good way would be to introduce it to more men, awareness is key! There's a lot of people out there that get it confused with Occupational health or Physio. These people may have been keen on OT, had they heard of it before settling with studying something else #OTalk



Naomi S @NaomiOhTea

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #OTalk When I was at school different people of different professions came in to speak to us. They were never OTs and rarely males, maybe there needs to be more emphasis on more engagement with schools and better promotion of healthcare roles across genders?



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@KwakuOT @MarcusD88167580 In some ways I'd like the workforce to reflect the population it serves. 😞 #otalk But then we would lose our novelty 😞



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

Thank you for everyone for a really interesting conversation. I hope it has given people as much to think about as it has done for me. As I mentioned in my O Talk blurb, I am looking to do something similar as a research project based on a survey with male OTs. #otalk



Georgia Vine @GeorgiaVineOT

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @OT_KateT @MarcusD88167580 Good point! #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 We need more male pioneers... that's for sure! #otalk



Paula Hooks Student OT @StricklandPaula

8 days ago

@OTalk_ @OT_rach Merry Christmas all #otalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Laura_Does @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk absolutely! I grew up in the 70s and 80s it's something that shaped me for sure!



Graham Walker @OT_Graham

8 days ago

@Keirwales @KwakuOT @MarcusD88167580 There are definitely pros and cons to any change and research may help figure out what is best to do #OTalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

Prior to this I need to pilot my survey. If you are a female OT and you would be happy to take part in a short online questionnaire around the topics we have discussed today please message me with your email address. Thank you again everyone Marcus #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Best of luck with it and thanks for hosting tonight's #otalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

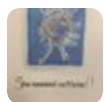
@GeorgiaVineOT @OTalk_ You worked hard!!! #otalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 Growing up in the 80's has an influence all of its own as well #OTalk



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCCConnell

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Can tell I've worked in men's forensic services - sport, gaming, music spring to mind before craft. #otalk



#OTalk @OTalk_

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Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@OTalk_ #OTalk promote inclusivity widening participation focus on more equal access to Higher Education across gender divide assertively reach out into career advice 4young people



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

@sherlynmelody @MarcusD88167580 😂😂 how can an entire country be exotic? #otalk



Ryan McClure @SuperRyMac

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Well done Marcus and good luck with your project 🙌 #OTalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

@DrCCConnell @Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Painting tiny plastic men is a craft...#OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

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Richard Barrett @RBarrettOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I think people in general need to know what occupational therapy actually is! It's not something i ever learned about as a future career choice in school. Maybe more work with young people with both male and female OTs going into schools and colleges #OTalk



Marcus Dean @MarcusD88167580

8 days ago

@OTalk_ Thank you for this opportunity #OTalk. I'm really blown away by people's comments and thoughts. What a wonderful profession we work in.



Tamsyn Richardson @OTRichardson4

8 days ago

@willchegwidden @MarcusD88167580 I'd consider Band 7 a management role 😊 #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Good talk Marcus 🏆🏆🏆 or 🍷🍷🍷 given the topic. #otalk



James Lampert @uk_james

8 days ago

@NaomiOhTea @OTalk_ I was invited to do a schools talk last year, was part of a "business" day. So the in-road there was about representing a private health and care company. Great to engage with a bunch of 15 year olds thinking about career options #otalk



Craig @dyspraxicot

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OTalk_ Hope it helps! #otalk I enjoyed it.



Will Chegwidden @willchegwidden

8 days ago

@TomG_OT @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 #otalk Not something I have to be worried about at my age! You will settle in to it. When I worked on a rehab ward you would be doing 5-10 w&d per week.



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 Wouldn't know, I'm too young 😊 #OTalk <https://t.co/floRoyzoTT>



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

See everyone in 2020! #otalk <https://t.co/05qE4xWxdR>



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 It's A Fair Point. Ultimately Though, If The People We All Work With Are Getting Good Outcomes Then It Should Not Really Matter Who Is Delivering The Therapy. In Times Of Need, You Need The Best Person With The Traits And Personality For The Job, No Matter The Gender. #OTalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

8 days ago

@iamValentine_OT @MarcusD88167580 My friend is the sun shining on a daily basis, is there a beach with sand and NOT pebbles, is the food seasoned better than Nando's?...i think the ENTIRE country is exotic 😂👏 #otalk



Samei Huda @SameiHuda

8 days ago

RT @hoffiOT: @MarcusD88167580 I became an OT through personal endorsement from my cousin. She was working as a MH OT and told me re the lif...



Will Chegwidden @willchegwidden

8 days ago

@Keirwales @TomG_OT @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 Definitely. I wanted to go in to paed's when I graduated in 1996 but it wasn't seen as being very socially acceptable in outback Oz. There are definitely some negative gender assumptions being a male OT. #otalk



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @OTalk_ #OTalk yes I heard that too previously occupational therapy support workers have undertaken training such as in-house learning also NVQ type learning to develop skill base.. I did this type of learning in 1986 and beyond b4 Bhsc 1993-97



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Laura_Does @Alexander_P_OT @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 Soon we will have some 90's kids OT faculty teaching students... if not already so! #otalk #timeflies



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 @OTalk_ Nice one Marcus. Great topic, all the best with your studies! #otalk



Kate Tudor @OT_KateT

8 days ago

@DrCCConnell @Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Early intervention in psychosis - I jump to gym, PlayStation, college, running, football (and cannabis) way way before I get to craft! #OTalk



Alexander: OT @Alexander_P_OT

8 days ago

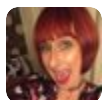
@BillWongOT @Laura_Does @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 I've had a 90's kid practice educator...#OTalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 General promotion of the profession imo #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @Laura_Does @Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 #otalk genx 😊



Miguel @miguelroru

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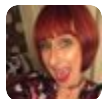
RT @GillyGorry: @MarcusD88167580 Less opportunity for our clients to have the choice of who they work with. We have wonderful female OTs, b...



Will Chegwidden @willchegwidden

8 days ago

@Keirwales @TomG_OT @SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 #otalk I've also been asked to cover a male patient's w&d when there have been concerns or risks from my (often younger) female colleagues.



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @BillWongOT @Laura_Does @MarcusD88167580 Me too. She was the best I had. The others were, inconvenienced, by my 'enquiring' mind. #otalk



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT

8 days ago

@OT_Graham @Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 100% Right...I Would Be More Concerned With The Diversity In Terms Of Culture & Ethnicity Rather Than Gender In The Profession At Present. #OTalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @DrCCConnell @Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Warhammer & the like are not just for guys! #OTalk



Bill Wong, OTD, OTR/L @BillWongOT

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @Laura_Does @debbieduckie @MarcusD88167580 In a few years we can have some millennials as practice educators. #otalk



Catherine McNulty @cathymc9781

8 days ago

@BillWongOT @OTalk_ #OTalk think I ran out of time truly interesting #OTalk this evening... Many thanks & Wishing you all the best for the festive season!!! 🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄 See you in 2020 🍷🍷



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@debbieduckie @Alexander_P_OT @BillWongOT @MarcusD88167580 I have one of those too apparently! 😊 #OTalk



Keir Harding @Keirwales

8 days ago

@DrCConnell @sherlynmelody @MarcusD88167580 Rugby, boxing, shooting, etc. #otalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

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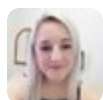
@MarcusD88167580 No thank you, it was great to be a part of!! #otalk



Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@GeorgiaVineOT @MarcusD88167580 Oooh interesting point! *Makes note to include gender differences in therapeutic relationship sections of case studies 😊 Thanks Georgia! #OTalk



Laura OT @CommunityLD_OT

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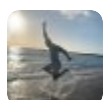
@MarcusD88167580 Well, I think we need to promote the profession in general because barely anyone I speak to outside of the OT world seems to have a clue what it is #otalk



Laura OT @CommunityLD_OT

8 days ago

@RBarrettOT @MarcusD88167580 This is still my biggest big bear in my job 🐻🐻 #otalk



Kwaku Agyemang @KwakuOT

8 days ago

👤👤👤...#ExoticMan #OTalk



💚 **JM Sherlym GB** 💚 @sherlynmelody

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Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales @OT_Graham @MarcusD88167580 I was given a cloth and a brush. Jobs needed to be done. #otalk.



Miguel @miguelroru

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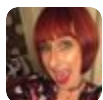
@Metcalfing @brockcookOT @MarcusD88167580 @OT_Graham The same for me+++ #otalk



Lara Quinn @LaraQuinn15

8 days ago

Sorry I missed this... our profession could do with more males to balance things out. But why is it that #OccupationalTherapy is a predominantly female dominated career 😞 #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

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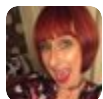
@mcwalser @MarcusD88167580 #otalk yes I expect so, our workforce needs to be as diverse as our service users.



Lauren Osborne @LaurenOsborneOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I think the difficulty of a female dominated profession is recruitment at B6 level bcoz typically women having children, leaving or going part time. So hard to keep/find B6's! Very general comment but I'm sure it's a theory! Most male OTs I've met are Australian Au #OTalk



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales @SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 @OTatBrunel #otalk I have similar tales about being old.



Lauren Osborne @LaurenOsborneOT

8 days ago

This 🙏



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

I found out about OT and applied a week before the application deadline at University. #otalk



#hellomynameis Valentine @iamValentine_OT

8 days ago

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Graham Walker @OT_Graham

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Sarah Malone @ot_saz

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Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @MarcusD88167580 Thank you. Sorry for delay in replies. Had a visit from a neighbour half way through #otalk I think anything that involves personal care aspects or lone working with females are aspects which need consideration for male OTs and not such an issue for our female colleagues.



Student Platform OT @SPOTEurope

8 days ago

Agreed - ability shouldn't be assumed by gender #otalk



Student Platform OT @SPOTEurope

8 days ago

Agreed - everyones views are so valuable tonight! #otalk



Student Platform OT @SPOTEurope

8 days ago

Thanks #otalk for a fabulous year!!!!!!



DaisyJuke @student47

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Final Question. Q5 What should be done, if anything, to try and encourage more men to become occupational therapists?...



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@SarahInnes16 @MarcusD88167580 Out of the males who work on our hospital site an overwhelming majority of them work in mental health roles despite there being more physical health posts here. Marcus - it would be interesting to ask trusts for data on the % split of their male OTs between MH & PH #OTALK



Ellie OT for Kids @EllieOTforKids

8 days ago

Reading back on tonight's #otalk really interesting discussion about male OTs. My mum used to think OT was a male dominated profession as the 1st 3 OTs she met were male



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@Keirwales @SuperRyMac @MarcusD88167580 @OTatBrunel I had a similar experience of being one of a handful of males with a cohort of 100+ females. I don't think I found it any easier than you did Keir. My strongest friendships were with the other men or people who weren't at uni or on the same course as me. #otalk



Ciaran O'Hagan @Ciaran_OT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I thought I want to be a physio, so got a job as a therapy assistant. Thankfully this was a rotational post and I was due to start in the OT team. I then realised what I thought Physio's do is actually what OT's do. P.S. I turned up at the Occ Health dept on my 1st day 😬 #OTalk



OTNorthumbria @OTNorthumbria

8 days ago

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Laura Student OT @Laura_Does

8 days ago

@dyspraxicot @MarcusD88167580 It's understandable though. We're moving away from these outdated ways of thinking, though slowly #OTalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@DrCConnell I don't think it's intentional but if you belong to a majority group it is too easy to think about the world through the majority's eyes rather than look to other perspectives. Being a male in the OT world is pretty much the only time where I am part of a minority group. #OTalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@DrCConnell There has been numerous documents over the years which have referred to OTs as she/her rather than inclusive terms such as they. It can be hard to identify to statements about your profession when sometimes it seems that you're forgotten through use of language #otalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 At least in the US, historically speaking, OT was a women's profession in the early 1900s. Some OT schools only recruited single females of marriage age during WW1-2. Couple that with cultural expecs of 'caring' profs being a woman's trait, OT has been dominated by♀ #OTalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I was an anthro undergrad. Through a field school exp, I was introduced to OT. OT provided me an opportunity to utilize my anthro observation and inquiry skills to be used by and influence health and well-being for people and pop in an applied way. #OTalk



Ciaran O'Hagan @Ciaran_OT

8 days ago

I was lucky enough to get a therapy assistant job at Ealing Hospital. Initially wanted to be a physio as I love the idea of rehabilitating people after an illness or disease and also not being office based. It was a rotational post, which started out in #OccupationalTherapy and



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Culturally speaking, I think pediatrics. I work in peds (outpatient & acute) - I def get ?'s as to why I started working with kids, but if anything, I find pediatrics to be a great avenue for male OTs- offering role models and other relevant insight #OTalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 But, all areas of OT should be open to male colleagues. Everyone engages in #occupation and males' perspectives are needed to help clients re/engage in occupation. #OTalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Agree! Not that us men can't be more open or supportive in large groups, but I will say that working in my OT circles, I've had to 'out-Bro' other people significantly far less, if at all, in a female-majority allied health settings. #OTalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Good topic. Well done on tonight #otalk
<https://t.co/C58ihgh83q>



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 On the flip side, I can't add anything to discussions revolving around motherhood and other more, female-platonic stereotypical conversations.. but I have learned a lot about being a woman/women typical #occupations that has grown/informed my practice & life outlook. #OTalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 It's odd to read that a paucity of male OT practitioners is actually a representation of the patriarchy. But I think you're spot-on. 'Caring' profs shouldn't be assumed a female trait just as STEM shouldn't be male field. #OTalk



Adam DePrimo @adamdePrimo

8 days ago

@Alexander_P_OT @MarcusD88167580 Start in high schools and undergrads, exposing kids to allied health professions, (really, any profession) and especially have underrepresented figures (i.e. male OTs, female tech, etc) present as representation matters. #OTalk



Rachel Booth ❤️ @OT_rach

8 days ago

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B2 @OTBrianNY

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk Do we need more males in OT? I'm all for exposure but I don't want to force it. I'll gladly show, educate someone on what we do, but I wouldn't want to force it.



B2 @OTBrianNY

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk This is a loaded question because it's a predominantly white female workforce. The implications could be 1) under representation of cultural backgrounds male or female 2) geographical areas not being served 3) low salaries



B2 @OTBrianNY

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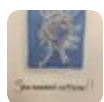
@MarcusD88167580 #OTalk Different rapport with clients 5) different perspectives



Craig @dyspraxicot

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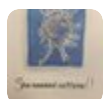
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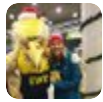
@hoffiOT Does it make you look at things different,y in the rest of the world? #otalk



Dr Catriona Connell @DrCCConnell

8 days ago

@theOtherTherapy @hoffiOT 🙋 I hate being called lady - I can't identify with that either 🙄 #otalk



Anna Conway Morris GBEU   @AconwayM

8 days ago

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Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@DrCCConnell Yep. I think those moments where I feel like I've been forgotten, treated differently etc have made me realise how demoralizing that feels despite people's actions not being intended to deliberately cause this. It's given me greater empathy for others and #otalk



Rupert Leslie @hoffiOT

8 days ago

@DrCCConnell made me be more intentional about learning about the world through other people's eyes. #otalk



Margaret Spencer @margaretOT360

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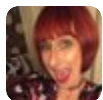
The library, that is very old 😂



#HelloMyNamels Laura @laurareidOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 I think this is a problem across all healthcare, I have heard many times patients and staff say no to a male health worker helping a female patient with dressing, toileting assessments ect but a female member of staff is ok to help with either gender. #OTalk 1/2



Deb Knowles OT @debbieduckie

8 days ago

@Keirwales Did you need to use the index cards? #otalk



#HelloMyNamels Laura @laurareidOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 2/2 This could be due to a lack of male healthcare staff and gender stereotypes so as a society we have got used to this but it's not fair that females can request the same gener healthcare worker but a male can't. We don't relate to our patient population as a whole #OTalk



#HelloMyNamels Laura @laurareidOT

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Gender stereotypes! Ot is seen as a caring profession and not perceived by society as a mans job. Most male OTs I know went into mental health. Why is it such a difference to physio where there is a higher % of men, it's not to do with pay as we tend to earn the same. #OTalk



Eloise @eloiselamb_ot

8 days ago

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David N.V @DNVOracle

8 days ago

Why customer experience is not universally accepted:
<https://t.co/KvI79J9ErR> #cx #CustomerExperience #Otalk #Oracle
@OracleCX <https://t.co/nUp3F0ezHG>



Choccybri19 @choccybri19

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Q2 Considering the small amount of men who are occupational therapist why do you think that some men become OT's? Happ...



Nathaniel Schooler- Podcast Host | Trusted Adviser @NatSchooler

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Daisy Clay @DaisyClaySLT

8 days ago

RT @DangerOT: The @BarnsleyAT team are providing FREE "Access to communication" training for SLTs, OTs & Educators on 3 Feb 20. Find out ab...



AAC London @aaclondoncen

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Heather m kuhaneck @KuhaneckHeather

8 days ago

RT @MarcusD88167580: Final Question. Q5 What should be done, if anything, to try and encourage more men to become occupational therapists?...



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8 days ago

RT @OTalk_: Join us tonight for the last #OTalk of the year. A very interesting subject, to end what has been a lovely year of #Otalk chat...



nb @nb87120292

8 days ago

RT @Keirwales: Total accident. No offers through UCAS. Went through clearing. Got offered a place on an OT course. Accepted it. Went t...



Matthew Hocking @MatthewHocking2

8 days ago

I worked in mental health as a Day Centre Officer, the opportunity came along to apply for the course when I was 39, I was accepted and off I went to the wonderful Coventry Uni for four years. #OTalk



Rachel Reece OT @RRenable

8 days ago

@MarcusD88167580 Controversial: is it a priority to encourage more men or to make our profession more well known to everyone? Therapeutic use of self is more than just your gender/ how you identify #otalk



Lisa Fenney @LisaFenney1

8 days ago

& a fabulous OT you are Mr H!



OTEmmaS @emmaspellmanOT

7 days ago

RT @MarkMarkOT: #OTalk perhaps there is a greater responsibility on male OTs working in traditional/non-traditional roles to promote the pr...



Sue Waters @suewatersOT

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