

Website Critique

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Case # + Diagnosis: Pod 7: Chronic Upper Back and Neck Pain

Data for Website

Title of the Website	The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc : Functional Capacity Evaluation
Web Address	http://www.aota.org/about-occupational-therapy/professionals/wi/capacity-eval.aspx

<p>Criterion for utility in the site. Scale of 1 to 5: 1. Very true of the site 5. Very untrue of the site</p>	
	Criterion Value
Website Content	
The purpose of the website is clear.	1: Yes, the purpose is to inform the general public about Functional Capacity Evaluations; who benefits from them and what it entails.
The website has up to date knowledge.	2: The website does have up to date knowledge. The references that they use for their information are no later than 2008; additionally, the website was last revised in 2012.
The website is interesting.	3: I think the website would be more interesting and captivating if there were less paragraphs and more point form information describing the topic. This would make it easier to read and more user-friendly.
The website is directly about the topic of the case	1: The website is directly related to the topic of the case; it is a measurement to see whether the individual is capable of returning to work with all of its demands. This is important for the case because sometimes people with upper neck pain would not be able to continue to work. This assessment

	will be able to see if they are capable of returning to work. It is also directly about measuring motor performance in individuals who have sustained any kind of injury.
The contents about the concept studies are scientifically correct and credible.	2: The content is credible as it comes from the American Occupational Therapy Association. They have adequate references for the content supplied on the webpage and the webpage was created and edited by Registered Occupational Therapists, as well as Doctors of Occupational Therapy. However, not all of the information displayed on the webpage has in-text citations. This makes one question where they got this information from.
The website covers the topic identified in the title	1: Yes, the website page clearly talks about what is identified in the title; Functional Capacity Evaluations
The information about the creator is up to date	2: The information about the creators was last updated in 2012
The authors of the website have the appropriate credentials to provide the material on this website	1: The 4 creators of this website are registered occupational therapists in the United States; one of them has a Doctor of Occupational Therapy. The authors do have the appropriate credentials to provide the material on this website.
Website Usefulness	
The website is useful for the occupational therapy student.	1: Yes, the website is useful for the OT student. It is taken from the American Occupational Therapy Association and it is helpful in informing about Functional Capacity Evaluations and its uses.
The website is useful for the person in the case	1: The website is useful in informing the person at what point they may need to have a Functional Capacity Evaluation and what this evaluation will entail. This website is useful for the person in the case because one of the FCEs purposes is for people who have been injured on the job and who want to be able to return to work or receive alternate work; as well as for people who want to receive vocational rehabilitation

	services. These purposes are applicable to the person in our case.
I would recommend this website for the person in the case	Yes

What components of the site are most useful?

The most useful component is where it talks about who would benefit from a Functional Capacity Evaluation. This is useful because it tells the individual if they even need to go any further in pursuing an assessment. Another useful component is where it explains about the different components of a Functional Capacity Evaluation. This is useful for someone to know who may have this done on them. It is helpful and perhaps less anxiety provoking if one knows the sorts of tasks that they may have to do for the evaluation before actually completing it.

Do you think an OT colleague of yours would need a lot of former knowledge to use the website?

I think that an OT colleague would not need a lot of former knowledge to use the page, as it describes who the assessments benefit and what the assessment entails. However, I do think that an OT colleague would need former training and practice in the assessment in order to perform it on an individual.

Are there tools and resources in the website that would be useful for the person in the case? If not, what else should have been provided?

The website informs the individual what they can do in order to have an assessment done; it informs who they need to get a referral from in order to have this assessment. However, this is from the American Occupational Therapists Association website, so some of the resources may not be applicable to the person in our case because she is from Canada. The website page informs how the assessment will be covered financially, however this will likely be a different process in Canada.

The website also provides references in case the reader would like to gain further knowledge about the Functional Capacity Evaluation.

It would have been helpful if the website would have provided a link to a video to give a visual representation of what the assessment may look like.