Where do occupational therapists work?

Occupational therapists work with health care and other professionals in a variety of places, such as long term care facilities, community support services, family health teams, hospitals and clients’ homes. Occupational therapists also work with organizations such as government, policy makers, care providers and community agencies to develop programs and resources.

Occupational therapy works!

Cali is 78 years old and was diagnosed with breast cancer several years ago. Unfortunately the cancer spread into other organs and into her bones. Cali felt depressed and scared of dying alone and in pain. Her primary care physician suggested she speak with an occupational therapist. Cali’s occupational therapist helped her find a facility where she can receive assisted living support. Although she’s not able to live independently, her occupational therapist helped her recognize the value of finding pleasure in reflecting on many good memories such as days traveling, dancing, gardening, and her dogs. She started engaging in the facility’s activity programs and spending time with visitors (friends, therapists, hospice volunteers) and socializing with the other tenants. Cali’s life has slowed down and she’s not able to physically do the things she did before her illness but she can still enjoy life and do as much as she is able. Because of occupational therapy, Cali has come to terms with her illness.