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Hello and welcome to Whittington Health Library's October issue of the Allied Health Professionals Research Current Awareness Bulletin. A round up of the latest news and research delivered straight to your inbox every month, as part of our Noclor Programme.

Latest AHP Research Articles – click the links to access via your NHS OpenAthens account, contact us for help!

Art/music/drama therapy:

- From gesture to meaning: art therapy, children's drawing process, and emotional resilience—a phenomenologically informed psychological study
- Impact of live music therapy compared with storytelling on maternal depression and psychological distress in mothers of preterm infants: a secondary analysis of a randomized controlled trial
- Drama therapy and social cohesion: Symbolic engagement as a practice of coexistence across difference

Dietetics/nutrition:

- The experiences, perceptions and needs of people living with food chemical intolerances and dietitians: A qualitative study
- "They don't know what they don't know": Exploring the education and professional development needs of the paediatric dietetic workforce
- Optimized Nutri-Dense meals versus a low-carbohydrate high-fat diet: an exploratory randomized controlled trial

Occupational Therapy:

- Occupational therapists' views on the existing and potential use of multifunctional robots in dementia rehabilitation
- Occupational therapists using technology-based interventions for training cognitive functions in children with developmental disabilities: A scoping review
- Perceptions of preparedness for mental health practice among newly qualified occupational therapists in South Africa

Orthoptists:

- Gait kinematics during walking in children with impaired binocular vision due to amblyopia or strabismus
- Measuring visual and quality of life outcomes in nystagmus: a scoping review
- Medical exemptions for orthoptists: what pharmacists need to know

Physiotherapists:

- Experience of nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal suctioning and ethical concerns among physiotherapists in the United Kingdom: qualitative data from a preliminary survey
- Additional Effects of Manual Therapy to Exercise on Pain and Function in Individuals With Knee Osteoarthritis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
- A Cross-Sectional Survey of Physiotherapists' Management of Adults with Traumatic Elbow Injuries and Post-Traumatic Elbow Stiffness in the United Kingdom

Radiographers:

- Strategies and barriers in radiation risk communication in medical imaging: A scoping review of radiographers' practices
- Assessing radiographers' attitudes toward managing people living with dementia during imaging and radiotherapy: Challenges and adaptive measures
- X-ray image quality before and after radiographer commenting: A quantitative visual grading characteristics analysis

Operating department practitioners:

- Harvest or not to harvest: A step-wise decision for radial artery graft selection in surgical coronary revascularisation

Osteopathy:

- Intervertebral lumbar space and sciatic nerve thickness during flexion-distraction technique in asymptomatic participants – an exploratory study.
- Description and reproducibility metrics of a procedure for measuring the obliquus capitis inferior muscle stiffness using shear-wave elastography in patients with chronic neck pain

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Paramedics:

- 'Taking the fear factor out of it': Family member and first responder experiences of the HUGS@Home psychological first aid programme
- The experiences of patients, their families, and carers during care from alternative ambulance response units: A scoping review
- Conceptualisations of the roles and competencies of ambulance drivers in emergency medical services: A scoping review
- The professional identity of dual-qualified nurse-paramedics: A descriptive phenomenological study
- Paramedics' Perceptions and Experiences Providing End-of-Life Care: A Cross-Sectional Survey

Speech and language therapy:

- Self-Reported Inner Speech Reflects Improvement From Language Therapy
- Enhancing the Prospective Acceptability of a Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Intervention With Parents From Under-Represented Communities
- Personalization of Words in Anomia Treatment for People With Aphasia: A Scoping Review

Upcoming Training Sessions…

Visit our Noclor Programme Training page at https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=47473 for dates and times of our online sessions aimed at nursing and allied health professionals. Additional sessions are offered by Noclor.

- "Getting into Research": next session is Tuesday 10th November 2026, 13:30 - 14:30
- "What the Library can do for me - Intro to Library Services": next session is Thursday 26th November 2026, 11:30 - 12:00
- "Academic Writing": next session is Friday 30th October 2026, 12:00 - 13:00 or Tuesday 24th November 2026, 13:00 - 14:00
- "Reference Management": next session is Tuesday 17th November 2026, 10:30 - 11:30
- "Critical appraisal of qualitative research": next session is Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 12:30 - 13:30
- "Writing for Publication": next session is Monday 30th November 2026, 10:00 - 11:00
- "Finding the evidence": next session is Thursday 5th November 2026, 11:00 - 12:00
- "Types of research": next session is Thursday 19th November 2026, 11:30 - 12:30
- "Critical appraisal of quantitative research": next session is Thursday 12th November 2026, 12:00 - 13:00
- "Creating posters for conferences": next session is Friday 27th November 2026, 11:00 - 12:00
- **November Journal Club…**Call us on 020 7288 3580 or email us at whl@nhs.net to book your place on any of the sessions below.

"From weather to symptoms: Preliminary links between weather and inflammation in schizophrenia..."
As the nights draw-in and the weather takes a turn for the worse, we'll be covering the effect it has on service users with schizophrenia, and appraising the strengths and weaknesses of this cross-sectional study freely available : From weather to symptoms: Preliminary links between weather and inflammation in schizophrenia - ScienceDirect

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