

Table 1 Occupational Therapist Contributions to Life Care Plan Recommendations

Care Category	Can Occupational Therapist Make Recommendation?
Physician (MD, DO, DC, DDS) Referral to Evaluate/Consult	Can refer to some specialists within scope of practice, otherwise collaborative
Physician (MD, DO) On-Going Visits	Outside of scope of practice
Chiropractic Visits	Outside of scope of practice
Dentist On-Going Visits and Sedation	Outside of scope of practice
Ancillary (Non-physician Professionals) Referrals	Within scope of practice to recommend referrals
Ancillary On-Going Visits	Within scope of practice for OT, otherwise not within scope of practice
Diagnostic Testing	Outside of scope of practice
Surgery	Outside of scope of practice
Aggressive Interventions (e.g., Invasive Procedures, Specialty Programs)	Outside of scope of practice, except that acupuncture may be performed by Canadian OT with training
Wheelchairs, Including Features and Accessories	Within scope of practice
Other Mobility Equipment	Within scope of practice
Orthotics	Within scope of practice
Prosthetics	Collaborative
Other Medical Equipment	Collaborative for some equipment or outside of scope of practice
Adaptive Aids for Independent Function	Within scope of practice
Drugs Requiring Prescription	Outside of scope of practice
Over-the-Counter Drugs	Outside of scope of practice
Disposable Supplies	Outside of scope of practice
Home Care Skill Level (to Attend to Person) (i.e., unlicensed aide, licensed nurse)	Within scope of practice to identify need for assistance and level of assistance
Home Care Hours	Within scope of practice
Household (housekeeping, yard care, house repairs) Services and Hours	Within scope of practice

Adapted Transportation (Evaluation, Training, Equipment)	Within scope of practice
Alternative Transportation	Within scope of practice
Architectural Modification	Within scope of practice but most often collaborative
Home Furnishings	Within scope of practice
Health Maintenance	Within scope of practice for exercise programs
Adaptive or Therapeutic Recreation	Within scope of practice or collaborative with therapeutic recreation specialist
Potential Complications	Within scope of practice or collaborative