

Apurba Chakraborty, Occupational Therapist

Apurba Chakraborty, MSc, PGDip (Rehab), BOT, OTR, SROT, is a clinical specialist occupational therapist in neurorehabilitation. He specialises in acquired brain and spinal injuries and other specialist neurological conditions. He has extensive experience ranging from acute neurology in large teaching hospitals to community based neurological rehabilitation. His main areas of expertise are in acquired neurological conditions, hand and upper limb rehabilitation.

After completing a Bachelors degree in occupational therapy in 1997, Apurba gained comprehensive experience in neurological, orthopaedic, plastic and reconstructive surgical rehabilitation following acquired brain/spinal injuries, multiple traumas and hand injuries.

He has received extensive and advanced training in specialist physical and cognitive assessment and rehabilitation of clients with neurological impairment. He has achieved accreditation in hand therapy from the British Association of Hand Therapy and has expert skills such as hand splinting and assessment and advice for assistive technology.

Apurba has experience of splinting in challenging neurological upper limb presentations including recommendations for specialist interventions such as botulinum toxin injections.

Apurba has completed a post graduate diploma in disability rehabilitation. He is registered with the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, USA as a registered occupational therapist after successfully completing their exams. He is also registered in the UK with the Health Profession Council and is a member of the British Association of OT. He has completed a Masters degree in health care practice from Sheffield Hallam University.

He worked as a senior occupational therapist in one of the UK's largest teaching hospitals, Sheffield Teaching Hospital, in general and vascular surgery, elderly rehabilitation, orthopaedics and rheumatology followed by acute neurology as a senior occupational therapist in a lead clinical role in the regional neurology centre of South Yorkshire.

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Apurba has always demonstrated leadership in the profession and rehabilitation in general.

He was an associate lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University up to 2007 and has contributed to developing curriculum and education, particularly in neurorehabilitation. He has presented in national conferences and teaching sessions for senior clinicians.

His work in leading the development of a city wide therapy pathway for people with MS has been published in OT News, College of OT UK. He has had editorial publications in national peer-reviewed journal of the profession, the British Journal of Occupational Therapy. He has been elected as chair of a progressive neurology sub-group of federation of occupational and physiotherapists in Sheffield and represented Allied Health Professions in the clinical governance committee of medicine directorate of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Since 2007, he has been appointed as a clinical specialist occupational therapist in neurorehabilitation with Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale PCT in Greater Manchester. This is one of the highest clinical positions for neuro-occupational therapy throughout UK.

Apurba Chakraborty is able to speak Hindi and Bengali fluently and is also able to communicate with people who speak Urdu and Punjabi.



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