



Post Conference Workshop A

ICT & OT: E-Health, Health Informatics and the Occupational Therapist

Presenters: Louise Schaper
Melanie Dennis

Date: Saturday 13th September

Time: 9am – 12pm (half day)

Venue: RACV Club
Level 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Cost:

Member	\$165
Non Member	\$245
Student Member	\$85
Student Non-Member	\$99

Inclusions: All workshop materials and morning tea

NB: Workshop will only go ahead if sufficient numbers register. Delegates will be advised two weeks prior if workshops are cancelled.

Workshop Description:

Health 2.0, e-health, electronic health records, telehealth and Tablet PCs. With continued advances in information systems and e-health technologies, the health sector is on the threshold of substantial changes. These technologies and others will inevitably become common-place in health and will change the way health care is delivered. Health informatics is an evolving field that deals with the use of technology to aid in the collection, storage, retrieval, communication and optimal use of health related data, information and knowledge.

This workshop will provide an introduction to health informatics and explore current and emergent technologies and issues - all of which have a substantial impact on the nature and practice of occupational therapy. Using interactive discussion participants will be asked to discuss and share the issues they see as being relevant to information and communication technologies (ICT) within the practice and education of occupational therapy.

The outcome of the session will be for participants to formulate specific recommendations and outcomes for addressing the issues raised. Participants will also have the opportunity to be involved in forming and leading the agenda for allied health and health informatics.

Questions for discussion include:

- How are occupational therapists using ICT?
- What are the needs occupational therapists have re: ICT?
- How do we ensure occupational therapists are aware of developments in ICT and eHealth?

- How do we ensure occupational therapists have a voice in the field of eHealth and health informatics?
- How can your professional organisation assist?

Who should attend: All occupational therapists who are curious or who have an interest or experience in the use of ICT

About the Presenters:

Louise Schaper is an occupational therapist, a researcher, writer and consultant with a passion for health informatics. Her research and consulting concern people's responses to new technologies and leveraging technology to support and improve the 'business' of healthcare. She understands the value of technology to improving the efficiency, effectiveness, quality and safety of healthcare; and her research and consultancy focuses on these themes.

Melanie Dennis is a private OT who works based out of her home office on the Fleurieu Peninsula of SA (Approximately 1.5hrs South of Adelaide). 'Home' is a small farm which she enjoys with her husband and two young boys. Melanie has worked as an OT for over 10 years, with the vast majority of these years spent as a community based OT in rural settings. She has been working privately in her local area for the past 6 years. Special Area of Interest: I.T. applications within home modifications / digital image use.