



Christine Michael BSc (Hons) OT

PROFILE

An experienced Occupational Therapist who has had the opportunity to develop a diverse range of skills within a variety of clinical settings including acute trauma, medicine and stroke units, specialist rehabilitation units, wheelchair service and brain injury case management service.

Christine has a particular interest in neurological practice and 24 hour posture management, and is passionate about enabling her clients to achieve optimal function, independence and quality of life through the use of appropriate equipment solutions.

KEY SKILLS:

- Experience within specialist neurological practice and complex disability management.
- Passion for provision of 24- hour postural management for those with complex disabilities.
- Product knowledge of power chairs, active user chairs, pressure cushions, wheelchair accessories, sleep systems and static seating.
- Training families and carers in Posture Management, safe use of equipment and manual handling.
- Experience within assessment of care needs, including completion of immediate needs assessments.
- Excellent assessment and report writing skills.
- Project management of adults with complex physical and cognitive impairments, liaising with multidisciplinary team members.
- An excellent communicator, working collaboratively and effectively with clients, families, carers and other service providers.
- Place high importance on evidence based practice and continuously seek professional development opportunities.

EDUCATION:

James Cook University, Townsville, Australia

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy with Honours Class IIA

POST GRADUATE TRAINING:

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| 2016 | Posture Management for People with Complex Disabilities,
<i>Oxford Centre for Enablement</i> |
| 2013 | Foundational Skills workshop: Adult Physical Assessment and Management |
| 2013 | Rehabilitation and Return to Work Coordinator Certificate |
| 2013 | FIM (Functional Independence Measure) trained and certified scorer |

CAREER REVIEW:

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| 2017 - Current | Associate, Wheel of Health, Oxfordshire
Independent Occupational Therapist/Wheelchair and Seating Specialist |
| Oct 2016- Current | Associate, NeuroHealth
Brain Injury Case Manager |

Conducting Immediate Needs Assessments for adults and children with complex physical and psychological injuries, including brain injury, spinal cord injury and amputation.

Provision of case management services to individuals and their families, including support and education: recruitment, supervision and training of support and specialist professional personnel.

Coordination of rehabilitation programmes within the client's home and outside in the wider community to ensure optimal independence and quality of life.

Sept 2014 – July 2016 Oxford University Hospital Trust

Oxford Centre for Enablement- Neurorehabilitation unit (Full time permanent)

Specialised Occupational therapy assessment and treatment to patients with highly complex neurological conditions. Caseload based within inpatient and continuing disability management outpatient service.

John Radcliffe Hospital- Trauma Unit (Full time Locum Position)

Working within a multidisciplinary team in Acute Trauma Unit, providing rehabilitation programs, education and provision of equipment to maximise independence and promote safe and timely discharge.

Oxford Centre for Enablement – Wheelchair Service (Full time Locum Position)

Specialist posture assessment, assessment and provision of manual/ power wheelchairs and pressure cushions.

John Radcliffe Hospital- Acute General Medical Team

Senior Occupational Therapist (Full time Locum Position)

Working within a multidisciplinary team in the Short stay ward, Emergency Department and Emergency Assessment Unit to assess and prevent patient admission.

Jan 2013 – Sept 2014 Queensland Health

Occupational Therapist, Cairns Hospital

Occupational Therapist, Hervey Bay/Maryborough Hospital

Rehabilitation Coordinator, Innisfail Hospital

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- **Health and Care Professions Council – Professional Member: OT69743**
- **Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Registration**
- **Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)- Professional member: BT0251268**
- **RCOT Specialist Neurological practice member**
- **Posture and Mobility Group (PMG) member**
- **British Association of Brain Injury Case Managers (BABICM) Registration**
- **Registered OTR through NBCOT (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy USA)**
- **ICO Registration**