## Palliative Care in Children with Cancer: 6P Occupational Therapy Approach

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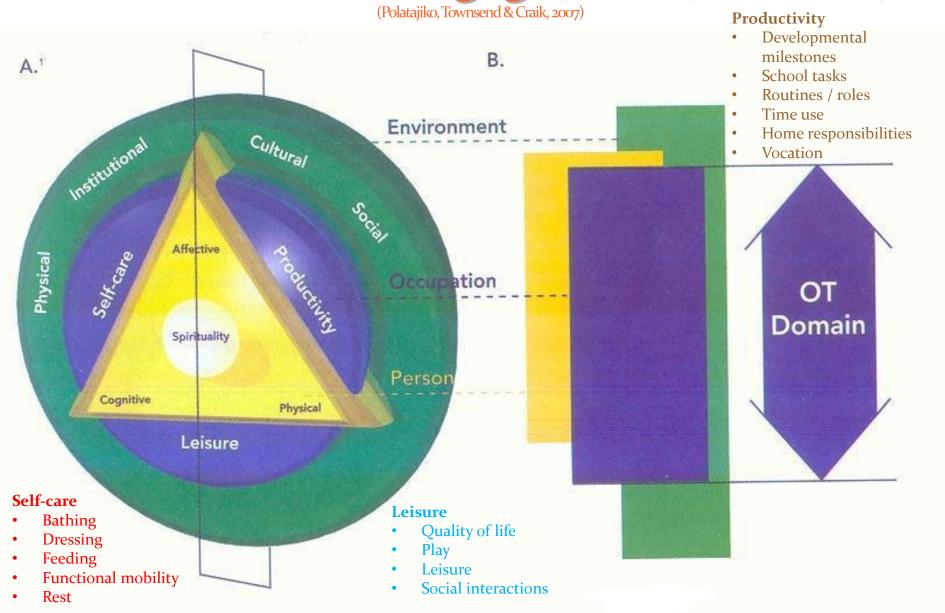
# WHO Definition of Palliative Care for Children

- Active total care of the child's body, mind & spirit, & also involves giving support to the family
- Begins when illness is diagnosed, continues regardless of whether or not a child receives treatment directed at the disease
- Evaluate & alleviate a child's physical, psychological & social distress
- A broad multi-disciplinary approach including the family & make use of available community resources
- Provides in tertiary care facilities, community health centres and children's homes

#### Occupational Therapy Domain of Concern

- Canadian Model of Occupational Performance & Engagement (CMOP-E) (Polatajiko, Townsend & Craik, 2007)
- Promote client-centered practice & the profession's view that occupation is the core domain of concern.
- Compared with International Classification of Functioning Disability & Health (ICF) (WHO, 2001), it positions the framework at an international standard and highlighting a possibility of developing an occupation focused model into a health model based on occupation.

# Canadian Model of Occupational Performance & Engagement (CMOP-E)



#### Model adopted in OT

Developmental

Meaningful life & activities

Emotional & psychological factors

Model of Human Occupation

**Psychodynamic** 

Activities of daily living

**Biomechanical** 

Assistive devices & equipment

Functional activities

#### Current Practice of Pediatric Palliative Care in Hong Kong



# Occupational Therapy Practice in Pediatric Palliative Care

PPS Level	Ambulation	Self-care	Occupational Performance	Assistive Devices Prescription
80-100%	Full	Full	<ul><li>Play / leisure</li><li>Physical maintenance</li></ul>	• Nil
60-70%	Reduced	Occasional assistance	<ul> <li>Home / school/ community adaptation</li> <li>Functional skills training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Buggy /standard wheelchair for transport</li> </ul>
40-50%	Mainly sit / in bed	Assistance		<ul> <li>Adapted / reclined seating, reclined bed, positioning aids</li> <li>Bathing aids</li> <li>Feeding aids</li> <li>Communication aids</li> <li>Splintage</li> </ul>
10-30%	Totally bed bound	Total care	• Quality of life	

PPS: Palliative Performance Scale (PPSv2) version 2

### 6P Occupational Therapy Approach



# Patient-centered: Pediatric Patients & Parents

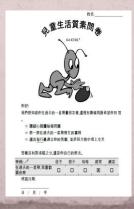
Sensitive to patients & parents needs







- Involving family in treatment
- Quality of life
  - Social life, fulfill a wish



## Partnership & Participation

- Multi-disciplinary approach regular case conference, case discussion
- Collaboration with NGO (CCF) case discussion, case transfer / referral, funding support on issuing assistive devices & equipment & loan service
- Use of resources community
- Collaboration with volunteers
  - Art Class

### Occupational Performance

- Adaptation to home, school & community
  - Prescription of ADL assistive devices e.g. bathing / shower aids
  - Seating adaptation & positioning e.g. reclined bed, adapted seating, special chair, wheelchair prescription





 School adaptation e.g. environmental adaptation, school work / arrangement

# Play: Developmental Play, Expressive Play, Diversional Play .....

- Developmental needs
- Distraction (pain relief)
- Creative activity
- Expression needs









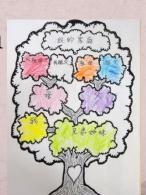
The benefits of therapeutic play in helping children cope with the stress caused by illness and hospitalization (Armstrong 2000, O'Connor & Drennan 2003, Li et al 2007, 2010, Li & Chung 2009)

#### Psychological & Physical Support

Physical / motor / cognitive needs



- Symptom relief
  - Positioning aids, pressure relief system
  - Fatigue management time management
- Memory album: photo / art-work album





## Proficiency

- Different from usual care
- Competent skills and knowledge
- Urgent reply within short period of time
  - Short stay in hospital, deteriorating condition and inadequate abilities
- Holistic approach
- Use of resources & referrals to others (NGO, community support)

#### Future

- Early referral > well-prepare / well-plan
- Increase coverage of palliative cases
  - Missed cases, end of life
- More collaboration between hospitals, NGO and volunteers
- Resources
  - Manpower
  - Assistive devices and equipment available

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