

Dear Board Members

I am interested in the CPD Registration Standard. I quote:

*“The CPD activity claimed must be directed towards maintaining and improving the practitioner’s competence in their **chosen area of practice**”.*

I am concerned at the restrictions this could place on OT’s, especially younger therapists who are actively seeking development in a number of areas:

- ✓ Rotations between clinical areas (as we do at RPH) could see them in several different areas in any one year
- ✓ They are often unsure of where their clinical interests will ultimately lie
- ✓ They need diverse development in associated areas to broaden their over-all skills and abilities (communication, time-management, conflict resolution, teamwork, etc)
- ✓ “Generalist” skills are so important and becoming “specialist” too soon can be detrimental to future well-rounded clinical skills

More senior “specialist” OT’s still need to remain relevant in terms of:

- ✓ Supervisory skills
- ✓ Management skills
- ✓ Research skills
- ✓ Teaching/mentoring skills

These may not be in their **chosen area of practice**.

I am interested in how these issues will be considered?

Kind regards,

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