

**Study title:**

Determining the Need for 24-Hour Supervision: A Cross-sectional Survey of the Clinical Decision Making Process of Canadian Occupational Therapists in the Private Practice Sector

**Ethics approval and REB number:**

Protocol #: 00036914

**Target audience for participation:**

OTs who are currently working in the private practice sector and who have performed at least one assessment for attendant care needs.

**Deadline for survey participation:**

July 1st 2019

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**Purpose & brief description of study:**

OTs working in private practice have an established role in assessing the amount of care an individual may need. Determining the need for 24-hour supervision is one of the most economically significant decisions recommendations an OT can make, and yet there are no established guidelines regarding how to determine the need for 24-hour supervision to inform their decision making. Currently there is no research describing how OTs assess the need for 24-hour supervision which is required to guide future research and inform guideline development. This study will explore how OTs are assessing the need for 24-hour supervision including; assessments used, clinical reasoning styles, and confidence levels.

**Link to electronic survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCTKDJT>