

Neetu Kumar

Treasurer

City/Town: Brampton, Ontario



PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a seasoned team leader with 25 years of clinical experience with a corporate focus and result driven attitude. I am ready to drive a system change based on strategic planning, organizational skills, developing coalitions, innovative ideas and research for the growth of the occupational therapy profession in Ontario. I will continue to be a voice of OSOT on its incredible journey to influence healthcare conversations and empower OT members to enhance the awareness of the profession among Ontarians. I have participated on the OSOT ADP task group to develop a position statement and virtual care guidelines. As ADP Clinical Lead at VHA Home Health Care, I provide ongoing coaching and mentoring to 300 clinicians. The various positions I have held have groomed me with exceptional skillsets to co-design with client partners, contribute to program development, navigate system barriers for efficient knowledge translation to promote excellent client experience. I bring a bouquet of experience to my highly passionate and motivated soul to make a difference in the profession of occupational therapy. In the past year as OSOT's Treasurer, I have gained an understanding of the governance, finance, planning tasks, meetings, administrative and management, and legal responsibilities. I feel confident to continue working in the second term.

Education

- BSc Occupational Therapy, University of Calcutta, India (1996)
- Certification in core courses of OTEPP, McMaster University (2008)
- Certification in Lymphedema Management (2014)
- Certification in Enhancing Client Experience and integrating patient voice (2016)
- Certification in Choices and Changes, Motivational Interviewing (2017)
- Beyond engagement and Leadership Training (2019)

Professional Experience

- OT Consultant, VHA Home Health Care (2009-Present)
- Accreditation Home Care Standards – Gap Analysis Committee, VHA (2019)
- Rehab Orientation Working Group Committee, VHA (2019 – Present)
- ADP Clinical Lead, VHA (London, Ottawa and GTA) (2018-Present)
- Co-chair ADP and Equipment Advisory Committee, VHA (2016-Present)

- LGBTQ2S Working Committee, VHA (2016-Present)
- ABR Committee(2020-present)
- Chart Audits Committee, VHA (2017-Present)
- Electronic Medical Record Initiative Committee and Champion, VHA (2017-Present)
- Professional Practice Specialist (Rehab), VHA (2016)
- Client Experience Consultant, VHA (2016)
- OT Consultant, COTA Health (2006-2009)
- OT Consultant, Sunflag Hospital, India (2004-2006)
- OT Consultant, Noble Hospital, India (2000-2006)
- OT Consultant, Escorts Hospital, India (1998-1999)
- OT Consultant, Kulachi Manovikas Kendra, India (1997-1998)

Volunteer Experience

- Treasurer, OSOT (2021- Present)
- Facilitated Student OT Virtual Labs (2021)
- Member of ADP Task group, OSOT (2020)
- Invited to Trillium Health Partners OT/PT meeting to share insight into current OT practices in the light of COVID-19 Pandemic (2020)
- Volunteered on behalf of OSOT to speak at a COPD Support group on the scope of OT services (2017)
- Co-presented with VP (client services, VHA) a paper on Home Independence program at the OSOT Conference (2015)