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# Culture Change for Occupational Therapists on Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (SPHM): Advocacy for SPHM Policies for a National Organization.

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## Background

- Work-related musculoskeletal disorders (WMSD) due to manual patient handling pose a significant negative impact on the health, well-being, and occupational engagement of occupational therapy practitioners (Darragh & Campo, 2017; Kotejoshyer et al., 2019; Park & Park, 2017; Przybysz et al., 2017).
- Safe patient handling and mobility (SPHM) is shown to reduce WMSDs due to manual patient handling (Combs et al., 2021; Harwood et al., 2016, 2018; Kang et al., 2020; Teeple et al., 2017).
- Occupational therapy practitioners contribute to the widespread adoption of SPHM but aren't recognized as leaders in SPHM.

## Problem

Occupational therapy practitioners lack a position statement recognizing OT's role in SPHM to reduce WMSD among occupational therapy practitioners.

## Purpose

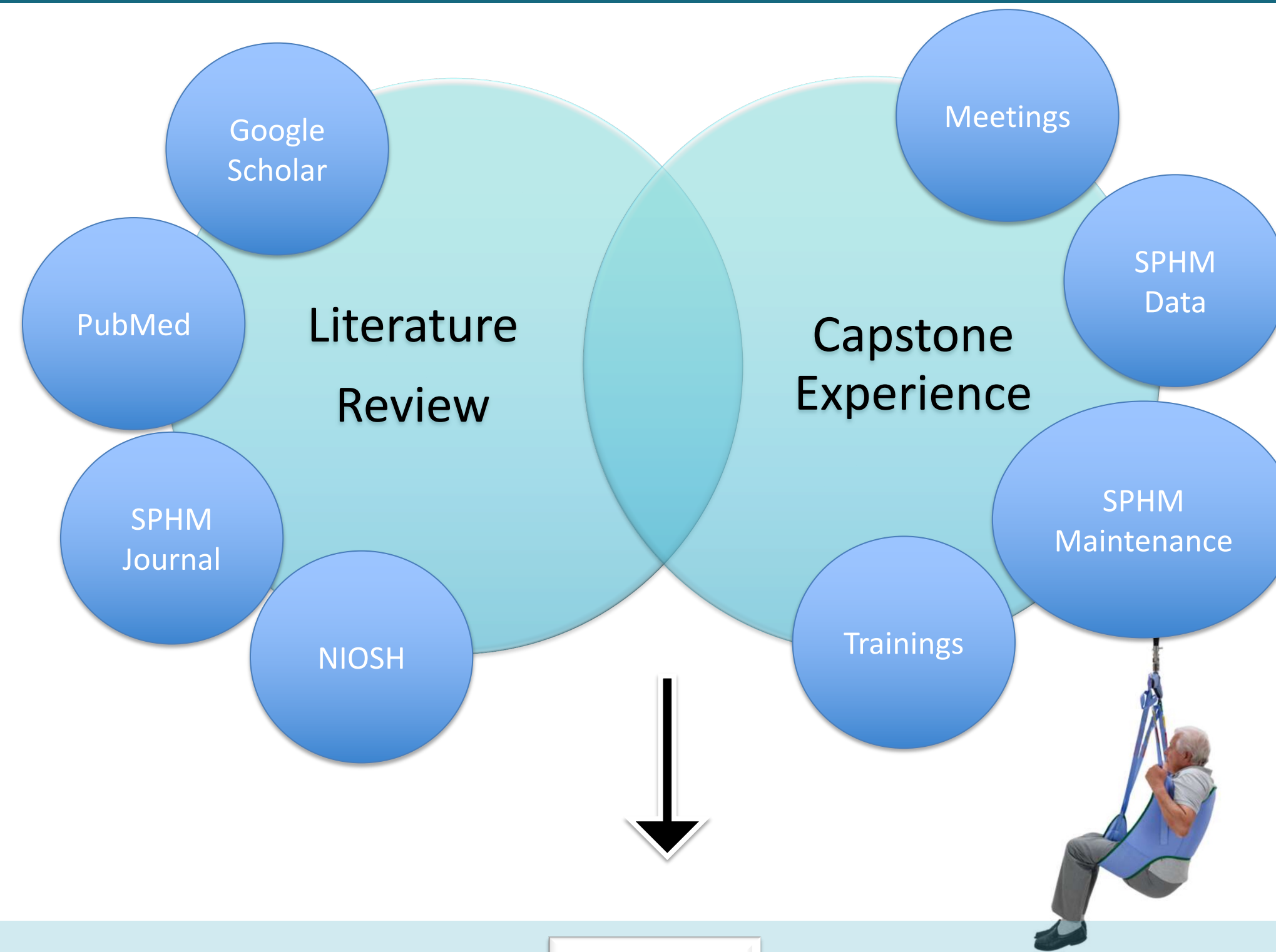
Create a position statement, in response to AOTA Representative Assembly Spring 2021 Motion 9, on occupational therapy's role in SPHM to reduce WMSD (American Occupational Therapy Association [AOTA], 2021).

## Framework

Scholarship of Practice



## Methods

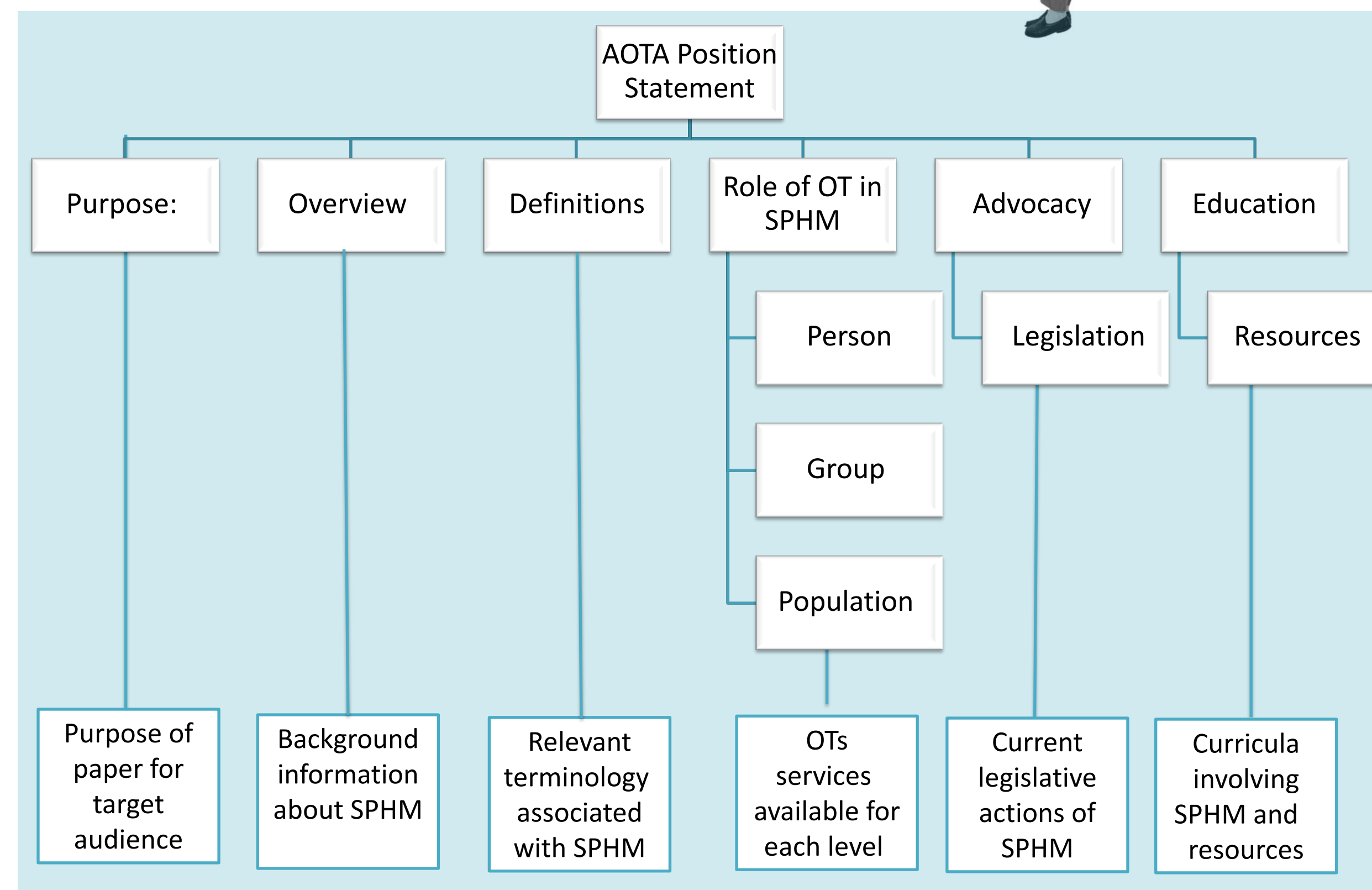
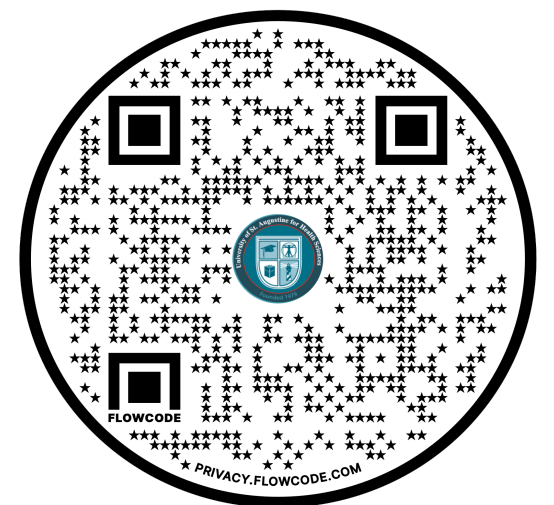
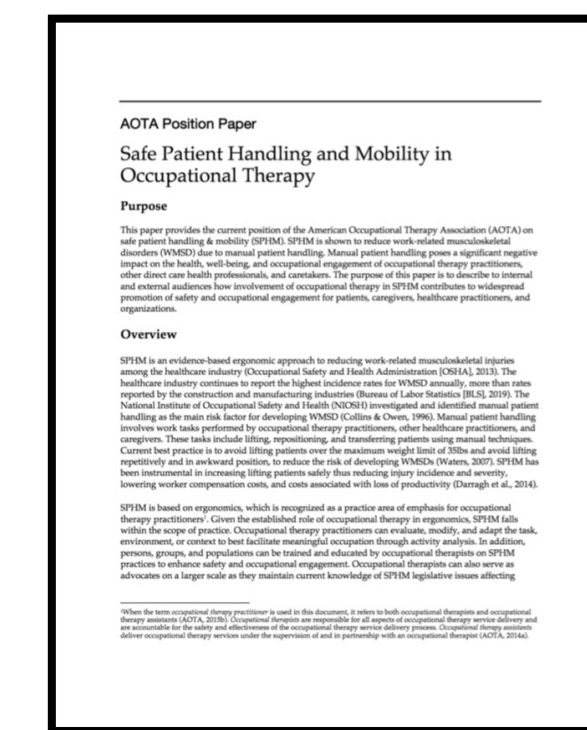


## Project Outcomes

If the position paper is approved by the Representative Assembly:

- AOTA membership is approximately 65,000 members consist of occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants and occupational therapy students who reside in all 50 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (AOTA, n.d.).
- AOTA represents 230,000 occupational therapy practitioners and students in the United States (AOTA, n.d.).
- Based on this information, dissemination of this position statement may inform the intended audience through an appropriate national organization.

Below is the QR for position paper written by the author:



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