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## **Brief overview of "the registration system for case report" of Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists**

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### Introduction

In recent years, the field of occupational therapy in Japan is growing and changing over from medical field to the field of health and welfare. Therefore, the necessity for indicating the validity and evidence of the treatment, assistance, and support for occupational therapy is increasing. Reflecting this situation, we started the application of online registration system for case report in JAOT (Japanese Association of Occupational Therapists) in 2005. The brief summary of the system is informed below.

### Brief summary of "the registration system for case report"

The objective of this system is the following;

- 1) To try to improve the quality of member's practice of occupational therapy by making the case report.
- 2) To prepare the document to prove the effect of occupational therapy by analyzing the case report.
- 3) To show the result of the practice of occupational therapy inside and outside the association by indicating the case report.

All procedures concerning this system are done through website and e-mail. Members are required to gain agreement about case registration with the object person and the immediate manager, and prepare the basic information of the object person and the text of case report as per the registration manual, and enter the information after logging onto the registration screen from the website by using ID for JAOT member control system and password before registration.

The evaluation of each case report is implemented rigorously by three adjudicators. In this evaluation, securement of anonymity of the object person and sufficient description of reasoning for the practice of occupational therapy and clinical achievement are valued. The result of evaluation will be informed to the reporter by e-mail, and the case report that was passed the evaluation will be registered on database.

294 case reports had been registered until the end of March, 2009. The case reports that had been stored on the database are viewed and utilized by the member and association.