

INTERVENTIONS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN MOEBIUS SYNDROME: A NEW FORM OF FACING THE WORLD

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Moebius Syndrome is a congenital anomaly characterized by the lack of facial expression, due to the bad formation or absence of the sixth and seventh cranial nerves. The bearer of this disease presents a series of manifestations such as: the inability to smile, loss of eye motor function, convergent squint and speech alterations. This work aims has a goal to show the possible interventions that Occupational Therapy can accomplish to minimize the negative impact on the social physical and emotional levels of individuals' lives who suffer from this syndrome. The method used was bibliographical surveys in books and publications and research via BIREME, SCIELO and LILACS's database, as well as interviews with Occupational Therapists in institutions recognized by the state. Occupational Therapists can use differents techniques, as bodybrushing and dance to improve patient's occupational performance. These techniques stimulate the body scheme to work the body image and improve the physical, social and mental aspects pledged by the disease as well. By the bodybrushing, the individual can recover facial actions, and the dance promotes social interactions, giving forms to the emotions and feelings, revealed through the self-expression. Moebius Syndrome does not have cure, then these technical and interventions of the occupational therapy, comprehending the individual as one biological and social being, provide improves in the individual's occupational development, focusing more specifically in their overall quality of life.