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Identifying and Prioritising Occupational Need in Developing Countries.

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Occupational therapy is a young profession in many developing countries and occupational therapists are frequently requested to meet the occupational needs of large numbers of people. How do occupational therapists ensure they work with those people with the greatest occupational need? This poster demonstrates why and how to use the self-rating WHODASII Disability Assessment Schedule with people with mental health problems; it identifies a person's level of disability and basic occupational performance. It can be used by occupational therapists to screen occupational therapy referrals, enabling the identification and prioritization of those people with the most significant occupational performance difficulties and in most need of occupational therapy.