

# Promoting functional independence and occupational justice among hospitalized older patients in Northern Brazil: sharing professional experiences of an Occupational Therapy Service at a Northern Brazil's hospital

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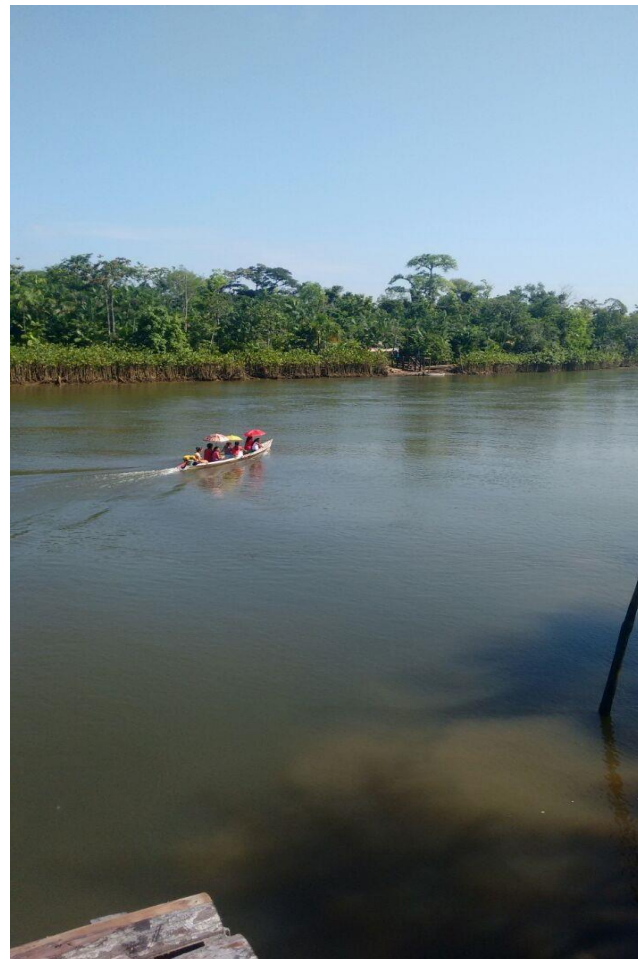
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- ▶ Self-Advocacy
- ▶ Occupational Justice
- ▶ Universal Health Care system in Brazil - primary health care
- ▶ HUJBB= University Hospital of Federal University of Para State, Brazil
  - One of the largest public hospitals in North Region
  - Reference hospital for infectious diseases treatment

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## ► Context=

- North Region of Brazil= poorest area in the country
- Para State and its rivers
- “Ribeirinhos” live by the rivers in the Amazon area
- Lack of support and access to health care services from city governments



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## ► Intervention

- Promotion of Functional Independence
- Making Low-cost and Low-tech Assistive Technology devices
- Support and orientation for caregivers
  - Law # 10741/2003, article #16
- Education in Health
- Occupational Justice Practice

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### ► Conclusion:

- Poor Self-Advocacy Knowledge and Action
- Hospitalization period may be a unique opportunity for older adult “ribeirinhos” to acknowledge their citizens’ rights for access to health care services
- Place of living is a barrier for health care access
- Institutionalized health care practice and traditional medicine (herbs and ancient traditions) taken care of together



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- ▶ Authorization for showing pictures of older adults “ribeirinhos” given by Ronald de Oliveira Cardoso
- ▶ Picture of Para State collected from [guiageo.com](http://guiageo.com) website
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