

**PERCEPTION OF PATIENT WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY ABOUT
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM AT HALF WAY HOSTEL OF
CENTRE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PARALYSED (CRP)**

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Spinal cord injury is one of the major causes of disability and mortality in the world. The situation is even worse in under developed and developing countries. There are combinations of multi factors that facilitate the condition in more disabling situation. These are inadequate treatment facility, improper re-integration to community, poor knowledge, lack of social support etc. The persons with spinal cord injury become more helpless and distress. However, the situation can be improved through an evidence based community re-integration program.

Aim: To identifying the patient's opinion & evaluations after completing OT, program at Half Way Hostel at Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP).

Objectives: 1) To find out the patient understanding about OT program at Half Way Hostel and 2) To determine the importance of OT program at Half Way Hostel.

Methodology: It was a qualitative research design. The participants are selected from half way hostel by using convenient sampling method. Researcher took in-depth interview through using a semi structured open-ended questionnaire. The data is analyzed by content analysis.

Result:

Theme 1: Most of the participants understanding about the Occupational Therapy program at half way hostel.

Theme 2: The most of the participants determine the importance about the OT program at half way hostel.

Conclusion: The participants have good understanding about the Occupational Therapy program and they provide significant emphasis. They believe it will help them to adjust with their physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing.