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## CONFERENCE ADDRESSES LATEST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RESEARCH, HEALTH CARE REFORM, PRODUCTIVE AGING, AUTISM INTERVENTION & MORE

### *AOTA to Hold 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo in Houston, TX*

**Bethesda, MD** — As Americans become more involved in their own health care decisions and seek ways to live longer and more fulfilling lives, occupational therapy's role in society will continue to grow. As such, practitioners must be ready for health care reform, clinical issues, competency in practice, preserving consumer access and public awareness—just a few of the critical areas that will be addressed during the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo.

More than 3,100 occupational therapy practitioners, educators and students will descend upon Houston, TX, from April 23-26, 2009, to attend pre-conference institutes and seminars, educational sessions, roundtable discussions, poster sessions and the exhibit hall. Content includes:

- **Academic Education**
- **Accessibility & Environmental Modification**
- **Administration & Management**
- **Cognition**
- **Developmental Disabilities**
- **Driving & Community Mobility**
- **Early Intervention**
- **Feeding & Swallowing**
- **Fieldwork Education**
- **General & Professional Issues**
- **Gerontology/Productive Aging**
- **Health & Wellness**
- **Home & Community Health**
- **International & Cultural Issues**
- **Low Vision**
- **Mental Health**
- **Occupational Science**
- **Occupational Therapy Assistant Issues**
- **Physical Rehabilitation**
- **Private Practice/Entrepreneurship in Practice**
- **Public Policy**
- **School Systems**
- **Sensory Integration/Sensory Processing**
- **Technology**
- **Work & Industry**

The AOTA Media Relations Office can arrange interviews with Conference speakers and AOTA staff and official representatives. Please call Heather R. Huhman at (301) 652-6611 x 2963 to arrange interviews.

Founded in 1917, the **American Occupational Therapy Association** (AOTA) represents the professional interests and concerns of more than 140,000 occupational therapists, assistants and students nationwide. The Association educates the public and advances the profession of occupational therapy by providing resources, setting standards including accreditations and serving as an advocate to improve health care. Based in Bethesda, Md., AOTA's major programs and activities are directed toward promoting the professional development of its members and assuring consumer access to quality services so patients can maximize their individual potential. For more information, go to [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org).