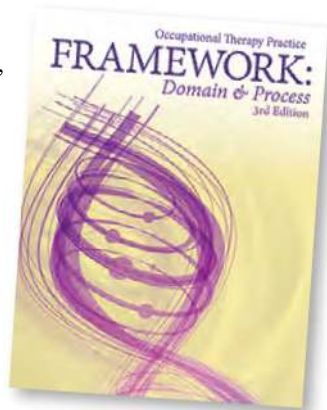


## COP Seeks Input on Framework

**A**s part of the standard 5-year review process, AOTA's Commission on Practice (COP) is seeking member and staff input on the *Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process, 3rd Edition* (OTPF-3) by August 31.



The *Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process* was adopted in 2002, revised in 2008 (2nd edition), and revised again in 2014 (3rd edition). Given that the OTPF-3 is widely used in education and practice, making it one of AOTA's most important documents and frequently requested by occupational therapy practitioners and external groups, the COP is seeking member feedback from all areas of practice to guide the revisions. There will be multiple opportunities for members to provide input and review proposed changes before a final draft is voted on by the Representative Assembly. The COP is encouraging discussion among members in AOTA's volunteer sector groups, on CommuOT, and at state and local levels. Virtual listening sessions will be held over the upcoming months, and the COP will host a session at the 2019 AOTA Annual Conference & Expo to further engage with clinicians, students, and educators in the review process.

To participate in the review process, including accessing the OTPF-3, visit <https://bit.ly/2AtDivS>.

## Seton Hall Receives \$1.2M Grant for OT, SLP Education

**T**he Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences this year received a \$1.2 million federal grant to create an occupational therapy and speech-language pathology scholars program to support elementary school children. Called "Project Write to Learn: Preparation of Occupational Therapists and Speech-Language Pathologists to Improve Written Expression in Children With Specific Learning Disabilities," the program will be co-directed by Ruth Segal, PhD, OTR, Professor and Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy; and Vikram N. Dayalu, PhD, CCC-SLP, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, with key support provided by Associate Professor Anthony D. Koutsoftas, PhD, CCC-SLP; and Assistant Professor Karen Hoover, OTD, OTR.

For more on the project, visit <https://bit.ly/2OBlJgi>.

## Nonprofit to Provide Replacement Site for National Guideline Clearinghouse

**F**ollowing an announcement by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality that it was shutting down the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) in mid-July due to a lack of federal funding, the nonprofit ECRI Institute announced that it will set up a new repository for evidence-based clinical practice guideline summaries and information. An initial site will launch this fall. ECRI, which originally developed the NGC for the government 20 years ago and has provided support for it since, said that additional features for the new site will be added over time, including more advanced search capabilities and information on implementing guidelines. Many AOTA Practice Guidelines were accepted by the NGC, providing a way for other health care providers to find evidence-based information about occupational therapy services. These guidelines will be included in the new site.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2LW0uag>.

## OT Education Virtual Fair on September 19

**D**o you know prospective students who are thinking about occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant school? AOTA is hosting a Virtual Fair that allows participants to learn more about graduate programs of interest, chat with faculty and staff, and get tips on how to best prepare for the admissions process. The fair will be held on September 19, 2018, from 10 am to 7 pm Eastern. To learn more and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2LJSpXc>.



From left, Anthony Koutsoftas, Karen Hoover, Ruth Segal and Vikram Dayalu