

## From the Editor

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I always enjoy writing the *From the Editor* for each regular issue of *WORK* because it provides me with the opportunity to re-read all the articles and to see how each one will add to the body of evidence in their specific content areas.

Contained in this issue of *WORK* are 11 interesting articles from authors in eight countries: USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Sweden, The Netherlands, Japan, and Taiwan.

Kawada and colleagues lead off the issue with an article about the relationship between workload, health complaints, and the depressive state of workers in a survey based study in Japan. The issue continues with Sjostrom, Asplund, and Alricsson's study which reported on the two year outcome of a multidisciplinary vocational rehabilitation program.

I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Chiang while she was a doctoral student at Boston University. Her article investigates high school teachers and students' perceptions of a computer-based instruction system in special education.

Researchers, van Wyk, Andrews, and Weir provide an important study which investigated manual patient transfer training from the nurses' perspectives.

Li, Morrow, and Kermode share qualitative findings from a mixed-method study which investigated rural-to-urban male migrant workers' vulnerability to HIV infection in Chengdu, China.

Townsend and colleagues' article addressed an important question regarding isometric strength assessment. That is, does static testing accurately classify validity of effort?

James et al. conducted a study to explore simultaneous bilateral hand strength testing in relationship to

a distraction-based lifting evaluation. Individuals in clinical practice will find the study results very informative.

The issue contains other notable articles which add to the body of evidence in their specific content areas such as sources of variation in work disability assessment by Spanjer et al.; a comparison of two interventions designed to promote neutral wrist postures during simple computer operations by researchers Ugbolue and Nicol; the influence of work and intervention related factors on clinical status and disability in clients with non-specific work-related upper limb disorders (van Eijsden-Besseling and colleagues); and a description and feasibility test of a worksite physical activity daily practice called the Booster Break Program (Taylor and colleagues) and user-centered design and evaluation of a next generation fixed-split ergonomic keyboard (McLoone, Jacobson, Hegg and Johnson).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the editorial board of *WORK* for all their efforts in providing comprehensive reviews of the many manuscripts they receive on a regular basis. Finally, I dedicate this issue to Victoria Hall, my assistant. Thank you Victoria for all your dedication and hard work in making the daily operations of *WORK* run so smoothly. I know that members of the Editorial Board, authors, and staff at IOS Press enjoy working with you, too.

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

Cheers

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