





From the Editor

'Forty percent of those diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) will experience no interference with their activities of daily living, while 75% will never need a wheelchair. For those with physical or cognitive challenges, certain functional changes will need to occur within the occupational performance areas of self-care, play/leisure, and work (Wells, 1995).'

This issue of *Work* is devoted to workers with MS. Rumrill, Battersby and Kaleta's article provides the foundation for an understanding of the etiology, incidence and prevalence of MS. The remaining articles address topics such as: job placement and retention interventions; factors associated with unemployment; the role of assessment in enhancing successful employment; and a case study report on an inpatient level support

group. Finally, the issue concludes with the Sounding Board article on policy, programming, and research recommendations.

I hope you are enjoying the alternating of theme with non-theme issues. In the future, look for issues on: performing artists, driver rehabilitation and work practice in New Zealand.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your suggestions and feedback.

Karen Jacobs Editor

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