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## A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF METACOGNITIVE STRATEGIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN ADULTS FOLLOWING STROKE

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### Objectives of Presentation:

1. **Explain** the role of metacognition in everyday activities
2. **Discern** the quality of evidence regarding metacognitive strategies in adults who have sustained a stroke.
3. **Conceptualize** a metacognitive intervention to utilize within stroke rehabilitation based on the evidence presented in this session.

**PICO:** What is the evidence for the impact of metacognitive interventions on occupational performance in adults who have sustained a stroke?

### Methods:

Databases Searched: CINAHL, PubMed, and additional articles selected through a “hand search” using Google Scholar

Search terms utilized: \*MeSH = Medical Subject Headings

- Stroke\*
- Rehabilitation\*
- Cognition\*
- Metacognition
- Self Regulation
- Self Monitoring
- Self Awareness
- Mental Practice
- Executive Function
- Task Performance

### Articles found and reviewed:

- Out of 1007 total articles gathered using pre-specified research criteria and limitations, **16 articles qualified** to be retained for further review.

### Methods used for article analysis:

Levels of Evidence I-IV ~ Law & MacDermid’s Appendix N: Evaluation of Quality of an Intervention Study Checklist

### Results:

The themes are identified based on the evidence gathered:

#### 1. Mental Practice Interventions (n=10)

Audiotape/script (n=6) <sup>6,21,22,23,24,25</sup>	<b>Moderate evidence</b> to support use of audiotape/script to improve occupational performance in patients with chronic UE hemiparesis
Visually Guided (n=2) <sup>17,28</sup>	<b>Mixed evidence</b> for interventions for improved task performance via visually guided mental practice
Embedded (n=1) <sup>4</sup>	<b>Insufficient evidence</b> to support embedded mental practice to improve daily task performance
Mixed (n=1) <sup>9</sup>	<b>Insufficient evidence</b> to support the use of mixed mental practice to improve task performance in adults with UE hemi paresis

#### 2. External Feedback Interventions (n= 6)

- a. Prospective (Cognitive Orientation to Occupational Performance: CO-OP) (n=4)<sup>8, 18, 19, 26</sup>  
**Moderate evidence** to support CO-OP interventions to improve occupational performance
- b. Retrospective (self regulation) (n=2)<sup>14, 16</sup>  
Two Types: video feedback & direct attention training  
**Limited evidence** to support self-regulation

### Implications for the future:

#### Practice:

- Utilize clinical judgement to select patients in practice
- Daily intervention is beneficial if using mental practice and self-regulation
- Audiotape delivery of mental practice

#### Research:

- Location of stroke and its effect on metacognitive abilities
- Best measures of self-awareness
- Efficacy of combined mental practice and external feedback strategies

- Use of more advanced technology to deliver mental practice (i.e. apps)

#### Education:

- Greater emphasis on metacognition in curriculum
- Development of mental practice/motor imagery protocol for students to learn
- Development of continuing education course for practitioners

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