Specialist Section Neurological Practice

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The Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Neurological Practice is a branch of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT). The membership includes occupational therapists from a variety of backgrounds, such as educators, researchers, occupational therapy staff and students, who have an interest or are working in neurological practice. It has close links with service users, carers and associated organizations, and actively supports and promotes new ideas within the area of neurological practice.

All Specialist Sections are led by a National Executive Committee (NEC) made up of volunteers elected from the membership at the Annual Review Meeting (ARM). Members support fellow members at local and national levels across the United Kingdom. All Specialist Section – Neurological Practice members must also be members of RCOT.

Specialist Section – Neurological Practice promotes and supports research into a range of issues faced by people with neurological problems, striving to establish a more robust evidence base; and aims to run two to three national training events per year to promote best practice. Essential to the Specialist Section – Neurological Practice are the 15 regional groups across the United Kingdom. Each region is run by a dedicated and passionate committee, made up by volunteers from within the membership who are actively engaged in running events, promoting and facilitating networking and offering a valuable exchange of knowledge and expertise at a local level.

The NEC works with members to promote and encourage continuing education. The NEC also supports the development of research, guidelines and standards for the care and services of people with neurological conditions.

The Specialist Section – Neurological Practice actively contributes to policy making on a national and multi-professional level. It responds to national initiatives and government directives relevant to neurological practice (including the development of national standards and guidelines) in conjunction with RCOT.

Clinical Fora within the Specialist Section – Neurological Practice provide a specialist focus for occupational therapists working with specific neurological conditions.
There are three Clinical Fora, six volunteers from the membership and which are open to all Specialist Section – Neurological Practice members:

- Stroke
- Brain injury
- Long term conditions

**Aims of the Specialist Section**

- To influence, develop, contribute and collaborate on national guidelines and local initiatives.
- To continue to support regional groups to offer support and continuing professional development (CPD) training to members locally.
- To offer financial assistance and access to clinical expertise for research that will increase the evidence base.
- To provide high quality publications, information and updates on a wide range of neurological topics to improve and raise standards.
- To deliver and run training opportunities both regionally and nationally, including conferences and study days.

**Membership Benefits**

- Access to networking within a regional structure.
- Online registration and management of membership via RCOT linked website.
- Up-to-date information, news and events on the RCOT Specialist Section – Neurological Practice webpage.
- Access to an on-line bi-annual newsletter, which contains practice-related articles, conference, study day reports and research developments.
- Regular email bulletins updating members of committee involvement in national directives and other business relating to the Specialist Section – Neurological Practice.
- Nationally and regionally organised study days and events at very affordable prices to promote CPD.
- Reduced fees for study days and conferences and attendance at regional meetings.
- Additional membership of the Clinical Fora, which offer opportunities to:
  - Network with fellow professionals working in the same speciality.
  - Contribute to the national agenda.
  - Contribute to the development of occupational therapy-specific standards of practice and guidelines to benchmark services.
  - Help deliver equity and quality of service provision across the UK.
For more information about the Specialist Section – Neurological Practice please visit our website: rcot.co.uk/np

Q: How do I join Specialist Section – Neurological Practice?
A: Please visit the web pages at rcot.co.uk/np

Q: How long does my membership last?
A: The membership runs for one year from the date of activation of your account.

Q: Who can join?
A: Anyone who is a member of the RCOT.

Q: Can I belong to more than one Specialist Section?
A: Yes, you can belong to as many as you wish.

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