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The Pain Conversation: Occupational Therapists’ Perspectives on Using Language to Navigate a Person’s Pain Experience

Pain is a complicated biopsychosocial phenomenon that can have a significant influence on quality of life and participation in meaningful activities. People attempt to communicate their experience; however, there can be a disconnect between how pain is expressed and how pain is perceived and understood.

Occupational therapists are part of a multidisciplinary and integral community listening to someone else’s pain conversation. This qualitative study investigated therapists’ viewpoints on how they utilized language to navigate the complex nature of pain while building therapeutic relationships. Implications for practice and consideration for future research will also be discussed.

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