Promoting functional independence and occupational justice among hospitalized older patients in Northern Brazil: sharing professional experiences of an Occupational Therapy Service at a Northern Brazil’s hospital

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- Self-Advocacy

- Occupational Justice

- Universal Health Care system in Brazil - primary health care

- HUJBB= University Hospital of Federal University of Para State, Brazil
  - One of the largest public hospitals in North Region
  - Reference hospital for infectious diseases treatment
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► Context=
- North Region of Brazil= poorest area in the country
- Para State and its rivers
- “Ribeirinhos” live by the rivers in the Amazon area
- Lack of support and access to health care services from city governments
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- Intervention
  - Promotion of Functional Independence
  - Making Low-cost and Low-tech Assistive Technology devices
  - Support and orientation for caregivers
    - Law # 10741/2003, article #16
  - Education in Health
  - Occupational Justice Practice
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**Conclusion:**
- Poor Self-Advocacy Knowledge and Action
- Hospitalization period may be a unique opportunity for older adult “ribeirinhos” to acknowledge their citizens’ rights for access to health care services
- Place of living is a barrier for health care access
- Institutionalized health care practice and traditional medicine (herbs and ancient traditions) taken care of together
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- Picture of Para State collected from guiageo.com website
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