Occupational Therapists & the International Standard Classification of Occupations

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Objectives:

- Introduce the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)
- Discuss WFOT concerns regarding the ISCO
- Review WFOT advocacy efforts
Purpose of the ISCO:

- Developed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Framework for international reporting, comparison and exchange of statistical and administrative data
- Model for development of national classifications
ISCO 08 Classification of Occupational Therapists:

- Listed under “Other health professions not elsewhere described”
- Prevents segregation of data
- Impedes growth and development of the profession
WFOT Advocacy Strategy:

- Communicate regularly with ILO
- Conduct a baseline survey
- Develop a lobby toolkit
- Obtain letters of support for reclassification of occupational therapists in the ISCO
Template Advocacy Tools:

- Ask letter for requesting action
- Background material
- Briefing note
- Thank you letter
ISCO 08 Revision:

- ISCO updated every 10 – 20 years
- Revision to be considered in 2018
References:

