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Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy Teaching Faculty
Regional / National / International Awards and Recognitions Updated on
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Dr. Punita Vasant Solanki. Professor & Incharge

Regional

1. Punita V. Solanki, Manjiri Gokhale: Secured First Prize in Poster Competition Topic Titled: Neuro- Rehabilitation - Treatment Modalities in OT) in February, 1997 on the occasion of UTKARSH, an Annual Occupational Therapy College Festival held in Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Sion, Mumbai, India.

National

2. Awarded with KEMOT Youth Talent Trophy for Best Paper at OTICON'2014: the 51st annual national conference of the AIOTA at Bhubaneshwar: Gokhale P, Solanki Punita V., Agarwal P. To Study the Effectiveness of Play-Based Therapy on Play Behaviour of Children with Down's syndrome. Indian J Occup Ther. 2014; 46(2):41-48.
3. Punita V. Solanki. In appreciation and recognition of the academic and professional achievements, the honoured award of "Fellow of Academic Council of Occupational Therapy" was conferred on 16th February, 2018 during the inaugural function of the 55th annual national conference of AIOTA i.e., OTICON'2018 organized at Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.
4. Punita V. Solanki. In appreciation and recognition of the academic and professional achievements, the honoured award of "AIOTA's Professional Excellence Award" was conferred on 8th February, 2019, during the inaugural function of the 56th annual national conference of the All-India Occupational Therapists' Association i.e., OTICON'2019 held at GMC & PGIMER, Chandigarh, India.

Dr. Aishwarya Swaminathan. Associate Professor

Regional

1. Best student awards (curricular + extracurricular activities) for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year BOT, OT Training School & Centre, Seth GS Medical College, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.
2. Silver Jubilee Cash Prize for Ranking 1st at Seth G S Medical College, 1st Year BOT 2007

3. Gold Medal for Ranking 1st at MUHS and 1st Year BOT, 2007
4. 1st Prize in paper presentation titled “Client-Centered Care in Neurodegenerative Conditions” at TRINITY’2011, annual intercollegiate research conference held at Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Sion, Mumbai
5. Smt.Tara Bastikar Award for Ranking 1st at Seth G. S. Medical College in MOT and 2014

National

6. 2nd prize in model presentation competition on the topic “Healthy Child Healthy India”, at annual national conference of All India Occupational Therapy Association (AIOTA), OTICON’2010, Ahmedabad

7. Kamala. V. Nimbkar Best Scientific Paper Award for paper titled “Transition Planning in Adolescents with Low-Functioning Autism”, at annual national conference of All India Occupational Therapy Association (AIOTA) i.e., OTICON’2015, Delhi
8. Best Paper in Mental Health for paper titled “Fostering Self-Regulation in Children with ADHD” at annual national conference of All India Occupational Therapy Association (AIOTA) i.e., OTICON’2016, Chennai

International

9. Best paper award in non-medical category for paper titled “Community-Based Rehabilitation in Children with Epilepsy and Associated Co-morbidities - An Occupational Therapy Action Research” at annual international epilepsy congress of Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society, ECON 2017, Patna

Dr. Neha Gajendra Kelaskar. Assistant Professor

Regional

1. Smt.Tara Bastikar Award for Ranking First at Seth G. S. Medical College in MOTh as well as First Rank in MUHS in 2016

Dr. Janki Ajay Parekh. Assistant Professor

International

1. International: Received Research Grants of Rs. 10,000 INR from International Chapter of the AIOTA for ‘Best Research Project of the Year 2021’

National

2. N. Swaroop Award for ‘Best Innovative Technology’ at the 57th annual national conference of All Indian Occupational Therapists’ Association (AIOTA), OTICON’2021.

Dr. Deepakkumar Sohanlal Shrivastav. Assistant Professor

Regional

1. 1st prize for best poster presentation themed on “Occupational Therapy in Gynaecological Cancer” in CME on Gynaecological Cancer Management and Updates of Occupational Therapy Practice, at TMH on 14th & 15th December 2018.

National

2. 1st Prize for Best splint and adaptive devices themed on: “Use of Splinting in NICU: an Early intervention” at 1st annual national conference of Association of Neonatal Therapist on 3rd March 2019.
3. 1st Prize: AIOTA Trophy for Best E-Poster in Scientific Session of OTICON’2020 Mumbai on the occasion of 57th annual national conference of the AIOTA on 16th - 18th January 2020.
4. 1st Prize: Innovative Technology in making adaptive device at 53rd annual national conference of the AIOTA themed “Innovation in Occupational Therapy: The Key Towards Excellence”