



# Brain Tumour Australia Information

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### Occupational Therapy

#### Care & Support - Occupational Therapy

To regain, or obtain maximum independence, a referral to an Occupational Therapist may be of great advantage.

#### Find an Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages from infants to the aged.

They work in

- charitable organisations
- community centres
- hospitals
- industry
- pharmacies
- pre-schools
- private practice
- rehabilitation centres
- schools and universities

Occupational Therapy Associations in each State:

NSW 02 9808 1822

QLD07 3397 6744

VIC 03 9481 6866

SA08 8331 1506

TAS 03 6331 9791

WA 08 9388 1490

NT08 8945 0044

ACT0419 429 889

#### Equipment and Services

The impact of a brain tumour may have a flow on effect for independence. Sometimes it may be necessary to use equipment and aids for temporary or ongoing care.

#### Types of equipment that may be of assistance

- home design ideas and adaptations
- bathroom and toilet equipment
- kitchen and household products
- personal care aids
- beds, hoists and associated equipment
- communication aids
- continence aids
- lifting and transfer aids
- leisure and recreation
- wheelchairs and scooters
- walking frames and sticks
- Seating

#### Aids to assist with patient care

- Inflatable Hair wash Basin (for use when the person may be bed-bound)

- Emergency Call Systems - Non-telephone
- Emergency Call Systems - telephone based
- Intercoms
- Emergency Identification Devices (bracelets)

#### Equipment & Aids -Useful Links

##### Independent Living Centre of NSW

<http://www.ilcnsw.asn.au/>

##### Independent Living Centres of Australia

<http://www.ilcaustralia.org/home/default.asp>

##### National The National Relay Service (NRS)

<http://www.relayservice.com.au/>

a telephone relay service that allows Australians who have a hearing and/or speech impairment, to communicate with anyone who uses a standard telephone and vice versa. Calls are relayed within Australia at no additional cost. (An Australian Govt. initiative)

##### NSW Paraquad for supplies to assist with patient care

<http://www.paraquad.org.au/CommunityServices/>

[BrightSkyAustralia-HealthcareProducts.aspx](http://BrightSkyAustralia-HealthcareProducts.aspx)