

Occupational Therapy with Children and Youth with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes: An Exploratory Study

You are being invited to participate in a research study conducted by Sandra VanderKaay in the School of Rehabilitation Science at McMaster University. **The purpose of the study is to investigate the current state of knowledge, attitudes and practice of occupational therapy (OT) with children and youth with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS).**

We are seeking occupational therapists who are: (a) registered in a Canadian province of practice, (b) actively practicing OT with children and youth up to 24 years old (i.e., pediatrics), (c) comfortable answering questions about knowledge, attitudes, and practices, (d) and English or French speaking.

Participation involves completing an online survey. The survey should take approximately 5 to 10 minutes. Your participation in the study is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time by not submitting the survey. Choosing not to participate will in no way affect your professional or academic standing. Participants who are comfortable providing their email addresses will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card.

Results will generate evidence to inform knowledge development and dissemination, the development of practice resources and supports, and a larger-scale research program.

The letter of information/consent for the survey can be accessed directly through the following link: <https://redcap.link/phedu9oi> , which will be followed by the survey itself.

Please contact **Sandra VanderKaay** at vandes22@mcmaster.ca if you have any questions about this study.

Deadline for survey participation: April 30th, 2025.

This study has been reviewed by the Hamilton Integrated Research Ethics Board (HiREB) under project #18144.