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Objectives: *Providing consultation for professionals who work with children with disabilities and their families. Seeking research position with focus on pediatrics physical therapy in which advanced skills in research and autonomy in presenting ideas can develop and constructive mentorship can be obtained. As well as, developing and presenting research that contributes to the areas of service delivery and evidence-based practice in pediatrics physical therapy.*

Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Rehabilitation Sciences**

Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA: 9006- June 2010

Dissertation: *“Family Needs of Children and Youth with Cerebral Play: Determinants and Unique Profiles”*

- **Masters of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences with Concentrations in Neuromuscular and Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy**

Department of Physical Therapy

University Of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA: 2005- 2006

- **Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy**

Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Physical Therapy

University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan: 1999- 2003

Continuing Education

- **Splinting for upper extremity disorders** , Feb 2010
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Total Contact hrs 5
- **CPR training course**, Jan 2010
Philadelphia, PA
Total Contact hrs 8
- **Cluster Analysis**, November 2009
Statitics.com
Total Contact hrs 80
- **Workshop about NIH grants writing**, April 2007
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Total Contact hrs 8
- **Workshop about developing a research question and finding funding in Physical Therapy field** (American Congress Of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting)Oct 2009
Denver, CO
Total Contact hrs 16
- **Sessions and workshops on topics related to orthopedic, neurology and peditrics physical therapy** (Combined Sections Meeting, America Physical Therapy Association)
Feb 2008, Feb 2009, Feb 2010
Total Contact hrs 70
- **Workshop about assessment tools for peditrics physical therapy research** , April 2007
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Total Contact hrs 8
- **Workshop about Rehabilitation in Amputees**, (Chris Lang MCSP Handicap international Belgium) Feb 2004
Amman, Jordan
Total Contact hrs 40

Physical Therapy Experience

Academic Professional Employment

Assistant Professor, September 2010- current

University of Jordan, Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Physical Therapy

University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Responsibilities:

- Teaching Physical Therapy for Neurology and special cases for undergraduate students
- Carrying on research related to children with cerebral palsy and their families

Consultant for Handicap organization to train Physical Therapists, October 2010- current

Responsibilities:

- Evaluate and train PTs and OTs who work with people with disabilities.

Graduate Research Assistant, September 2006 - June 2010

Drexel University, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Project 1: Activities and Participation of Children with Cerebral Palsy, a multisite study funded by Shriners Hospitals for Children

Responsibilities:

- Participation in study meetings and workshops
- Data entry and management
- Data analyses
- Preparation of posters
- Presentations in national and international meetings
- Assisting in preparing journals articles and fact sheets

Project 2: Understanding Determinants of Motor Abilities, Self Care, and Play of Young Children with Cerebral Palsy, a multisite project funded by the National Institute of Disability Rehabilitation Research

Responsibilities:

- Participation in study meetings, data collectors training and workshops
- Data collection in community settings

- Administration of different measures for children and families outcomes
- Data entry and management
- Data analyses
- Preparation of posters and presentations for national and international meetings
- Participating in disseminations activities

Graduate Teaching Assistant, September 2006 – June 2010

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Courses and responsibilities

- PTRS- 565 & 632 *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, Winter 2008 and Summer 2009 (Lecturer & lab instructor)
- PTRS- 628 *Decision Making in Pediatric Rehabilitation*, Fall 2008 (Lab instructor)
- PTRS-751 *Evidence-Based Practice* Fall 2008, Fall 2009 (Evaluator of student assignments)
- PTRS- 622 *Ortho PT; Spine* Winter 2009 and winter 2010 (Lab instructor & examiner)

Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, October 2003- April 2005 (Full- time)

University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Faculty of Rehabilitation Sciences, Department of Physical Therapy

Responsibilities

- Lecturer for Physical Therapy for Pediatric and Physical Therapy for Cardiopulmonary courses
- Lab and clinical instructor for Physical Therapy for Pediatric, Physical Therapy for Neurology, Physical Therapy for Orthopedic, and Physical Therapy for Cardiopulmonary courses
- Assisting in data collection for research projects
- Assisting in the students evaluations and examination

Clinical Professional Employment

Pediatric Physical Therapist, March 2010- August 2010

United Cerebral Palsy, Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities:

- Examination and intervention with preschool age children with variety of health conditions and disabilities and consultation with education staff

Medical Physical Therapist, December 2009 – August 2010 (Per-Diem)

Hospital of University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities:

- Examination and intervention of adults in acute care setting secondary to trauma, cardiopulmonary diseases, post surgical conditions

Medical Physical Therapist, November 2009 – August 2010 (Per-Diem)

Hospital of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities:

- Examination and intervention of adults in acute care setting secondary to orthopedic problems, trauma, cardiopulmonary diseases, post surgeries

Physical Therapist, June 2009 - September 2009 (Pro Bono)

Eleventh Street Family Health Services of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Responsibilities:

- Assessment and management of patient fitness programs and musculoskeletal interventions

Physical Therapist, April 2006 - May 2006 (internship)

University of Pittsburgh Medicine Center (UPMC), Pittsburgh, PA

Sports Medicine Department Institute in UPMC

Responsibilities:

- Examination and interventions of patients with sports medicine, neurological and musculoskeletal injuries
- Setting-up rehabilitation programs

Licensure and Membership

- Licensed in State of New York
- Licensed in State of Pennsylvania
- Active Member of the Jordanian Association of Physical Therapists (Since 2003)
- Active member of the American of Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Section of Pediatric (2007- current)

Achievements and Professional Activities

- Nominated for Most Promise Dissertation Award, Drexel University 2010
- Highly commended for Research Awards Competition, Drexel University 2010
- Invited reviewer for the journal: *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics* 2009
- Recipient of the Graduate Studies Office Travel Award, Drexel University 2009
- Recipient of the Graduate Studies Office Travel Award, Drexel University 2008
- Recipient of the International Travel Award, Office of International Programs 2008
- Recipient of the Graduate Studies Office Travel Award, Drexel University 2007

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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2011

- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M. Profiles of family needs of parents of children and youth with cerebral palsy. *Accepted for publication Child: Care, Health & Development.*
- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M. Determinants of Needs of Families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Children's Health Care*, 40:2, 2011.

2010

- Orlin M, Palisano RJ, Chiarello L, Kang LJ, Polansky M, **Almasri N**, Maggs J. Participation in Home, Extracurricular, and Community Activities among Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 52: 160-166,

2010.

- Chiarello L, Palisano RJ, Maggs J, Orlin M, **Almasri N**, Kang LJ, Chang H. Family Priorities for Activity and Participation of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Physical Therapy*, in press.
- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M. Determinants of Needs of Families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Children's Health Care*, Accepted for publication 2010

2009

- Chiarello LA, **Almasri N**, Palisano RJ. Factors Related to Adaptive Behavior in Children with Cerebral Palsy. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, 30(5):435-41, 2009.
- Palisano RJ, **Almasri N**, Chiarello L, Orlin M, Begley A, Maggs J. Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Child: Care, Health & Development*, 36(1): 85-92, 2009.

- **Submitted for publication**

2010

- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M. Profiles of family needs of parents of children and youth with cerebral palsy. *Submitted for Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*.

Published abstracts

2010

- 1- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C: Profiles Of Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Physical Therapy Journal*, May 2010.
- 2- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M : Determinants of Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, 22(1): 102, 2010.

2009

- 3- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M: Determinants of Needs of Families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 90 (10), e.15, 2009.
- 4- Orlin MN, Chiarello LA, Kang LJ, Palisano RJ, Polansky M, **Almasri N**, Maggs J. Participation Among Children with Cerebral Palsy. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 51 (suppl 5): 70, 2009.
- 5- **Almarsri N**, Polansky M, Palisano, R, Chiarello L, Orlin M, Maggs J: Needs of Families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy: Effects of age and gross motor function of children. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, 21(1): 88, 2009.
- 6- Orlin MN, Chiarello LA, Polansky M, **Almarsri, N**, Kang L, Palisano RJ: Participation in Home, Extracurricular, and Community Activities among Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, 20:97, 2008.
- 7- Chiarello L, Palisano RJ, Maggs J, Orlin M, **Almarsri N**, Kang L-J, Chang H-J: Family Priorities for Activity and Participation of Children with Cerebral Palsy. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 50 (suppl 4): 24-25, 2008.
- 8- Chiarello L, Palisano RJ, **Almarsri N**: Coping in Children with Cerebral Palsy. *Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology*, 50 (suppl 4): 39, 2008.
- 9- Chiarello LA, **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Orlin M: Coping in Young Children with Cerebral Palsy. *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, 20:101, 2008.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

2011

- 1- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M : Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. [Platform] *The Fifth Annual Scientific Day of Rehabilitation Science Faculty. Amman, Jordan. April 2011.*
- 2- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M: Determinants of Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. [Poster] *International Conference of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy. Amsterdam, Netherlands. June 2011.*
- 3- **Almasri N, Saleh M**: Cross cultural validation of the Measure of Process of Care (MPOC-20). The 5th Jordanian & 6th Pan Arab Congress in Physical Medicine, Arthritis and Rehabilitation. *Amman, Jordan. October 2011*

2010

- 1- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M : Profiles of needs of families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy.[Poster] *Annual conference meeting APTA. Boston, USA. June 2010.*
- 2- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M : Determinants of Family Needs of Parents of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. [Poster] *American Physical Therapy Associations Combined Section Meeting (APTA, CSM). San Diego, CA. February 2010.*

2009

- 3- **Almasri N**, Palisano R, Dunst C, Chiarello L, O'Neil M, Polansky M: Determinants of Needs of Families of Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. [Poster and Oral Presentation]. *American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting (ACRM). Denver, CO. October 2009.*
- 4- **Almasri N**, Palisano, R, Chiarello L, Orlin M, Maggs J Polansky M: Family Needs for Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy: effects of age and gross motor function [Poster]. *Research Day Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA. April 2009.*
- 5- **Almasri N**, Palisano, R, Chiarello L, Orlin M, Maggs J Polansky M: Family Needs for Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy: effects of age and gross motor function [Platform]. *American Physical Therapy Associations Combined Section Meeting (APTA, CSM). Las Vegas, NV. February 2009*

2008

- 6- **Almasri N**, Palisano R: Expressed Family Needs for Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy. [Poster]. *Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Services Conference (OACRS). Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. October 2008.*
- 7- **Almasri N**, Chiarello L., Palisano R., Orlin M., Maggs J.: Coping in Young Children with Cerebral Palsy. [Poster] *Research Day Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA. April 2008.*

Educational Sessions and Workshops

- 1- Global perspectives on decision-making, measurement, and participation of children with disabilities. 16th *International Conference of the World Confederation of Physical Therapy*. Amsterdam, Netherlands. June 2011

References

- **Dr. Maysuon Saleh.** Assistant Professor, University of Jordan, Faculty of rehabilitation sciences , Department of Physical Therapy
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