



Jill Zwicker, PhD, OT(C)

Dr. Jill Zwicker has been appointed Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, effective July 1, 2013.

An occupational therapist with expertise in pediatrics, Jill worked at Queen Alexandra Center for Children's Health in Victoria from 2002 – 2009, after a decade of practice in other Victoria area hospitals. She holds a BSc(OT) Hons. from Queens University, MA from the University of Victoria, and a PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences from the University of British Columbia. Her doctoral thesis was recognized with the prestigious Pursuit Award in Childhood Disability Research in 2012 and she is currently completing a postdoctoral fellowship in the UBC Department of Pediatrics and Child & Family Research Institute.



Dr. Zwicker's research focuses on the care of children with Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), and determining neural correlates and possible antecedents of DCD. She is one of few occupational therapists internationally to use magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in studies to inform rehabilitation practices for children with motor impairments. Jill's research will be based at the Child and Family Research Institute and she will establish a research clinic for children with DCD in collaboration with Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children.

Jill's extensive community and volunteer activities include manuscript reviews for journals such as *Developmental Medicine and Child and Neurology* and *Pediatrics*, editorial board member for *Physical & Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics*, and research grant reviews for several provincial funding agencies. Jill is an active member in many academic and professional committees, both on the national and international stage.

For the past six years Jill has taught modules in the MOT curriculum related to child development, facilitated small group tutorials, and supervised students in the MOT, MPT, and MRSc programs. I look forward to welcoming Dr. Jill Zwicker to the Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy in her new role as Assistant Professor.

Catherine Backman
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