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<p><i>Title of study</i></p>	<p>Toddler's Occupational Development</p>
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<p><i>Background/Abstract (350 words max)</i></p>	<p>The development of children's occupational performance and participation was identified as the primary and ultimate goal of an occupation-centred paediatric practice more than twenty years ago. As a consequence, theoretical conceptualizations on children's occupational development emerged in occupational science literature that assigned a dynamic and contextual nature of occupational development. In these conceptualizations, children are considered to develop their occupations through their dynamic interactions/transactions with their environments, a view that significantly differs from the neuromaturational perspective of development which dominated in paediatric practice for many years.</p>

	<p>Consequently, occupational scientists were invited to study the area of children’s occupational development and generate an evidence-based body of knowledge that could inform occupation-centred paediatric practice. However, very few longitudinal studies have been found in discipline’s literature to directly explore the phenomenon of children’s occupational development per se and its course over time. Therefore, the gap of the discipline’s body of knowledge on this crucial occupational area still exists and the understanding of children’s occupational development remains elusive.</p> <p>The proposed study aims to explore toddlers’ occupational development as it unfolds in their daily life. A qualitative longitudinal design using an ethnographic approach is proposed for accessing the phenomenon of occupational development as it evolves in naturally occurring occupational transactions among toddlers and their environments for a 6-month period. Four families with a toddler at the age of 2-3 years are considered to be the sample of the study. A multi-method approach, including primarily observational methods and interviews, is proposed for the data of the study. Data will be generated through visits of the researcher in toddler’s houses. A grounded theory analytical approach will be used for data analysis.</p> <p>Major concerns under consideration are the ability of the study to capture the breadth and richness of occupational development given its complicated, dynamic and ever-changing nature, the generalizability of findings given the small sample size and the contextual nature of occupational development as well as the potential reactions of families and toddlers to the researcher. The findings of the proposed study could uniquely contribute to the discipline’s body of knowledge on this relatively unexplored occupational area.</p>
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