

## Profile

Joanne is a highly experienced and skilled occupational therapist and case manager. She has gained extensive experience of working in the field of rehabilitation and case management within the statutory, private, insurance and commercial sectors.

She specialises in the case management and rehabilitation of clients following complex injuries and works with adults to ensure that they achieve the best possible outcomes.

## Specialisms

- Complex polytrauma
- Complex musculo-skeletal / orthopaedic injuries
- Neurological rehabilitation
- Psychological trauma
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Functional capacity evaluations
- Workplace and ergonomic assessments

## Ages covered

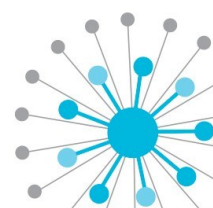
- Adult
- Older adults

## Biography

Since qualifying as an occupational therapist in 1993, Joanne has worked in a variety of rehabilitation and hospital-based settings, as well as within the public, private and insurance sectors.

She gained extensive rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation and case management experience whilst employed in the United States, Britain and South Africa.

Joanne has wide-ranging clinical experience and she specialises in the provision of case management, functional evaluation and vocational rehabilitation services.



## Qualifications

- BSc Occupational Therapy,  
University of Cape Town, 1993

## Memberships

- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Independent Practice
- Case Management Society UK (CMSUK)
- National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, USA (NBCOT)

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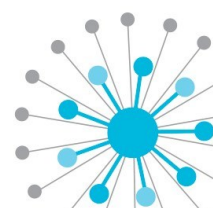
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## Clinical skills and experience

- Extensive clinical experience as an occupational therapist working within hospital and rehabilitation settings including general hospital, stroke units, inpatient rehabilitation facilities and outpatient clinics.
- Advanced skills in evaluating and treating clients with complex conditions including orthopaedic / musculoskeletal injuries, (including upper limb and hand conditions), spinal, neurological, head / mild brain injury and medical conditions.
- Employs a collaborative multi-disciplinary team approach working with treating practitioners.
- Highly experienced case manager supporting clients with their treatment, rehabilitation and vocational needs.
- Skilled functional capacity evaluator assessing clients' functional and work-related capabilities and their ability to perform their own or other occupations. Very experienced in evaluating clients with occupations ranging from those of a lighter physical demand, including solicitor and dentist, to those of heavier physical demand including labourer, machine operator and engineer.
- Special interest in conducting workplace evaluations, job demands analysis and ergonomic assessments and advising on reasonable adjustments, equipment needs and redeployment options. Conducted evaluations within a range of work settings including a nuclear power station, veterinary practice, law firm, banks and accountancy practice.
- Experienced in developing, implementing, monitoring and graduating structured and goal orientated return to work programmes.
- Knowledgeable in liaising and negotiating with employers in order to explore redeployment options, facilitate reasonable work place adjustments and supporting employees to return to work.
- Committed to continuing professional development - full details of recent training are available on request.
- Client and solicitor feedback/testimonials are available on request.



## Career history

- Independent Occupational Therapist & Case Manager - Independence Works Ltd** 2009 - present
- Delivering comprehensive case management to clients suffering from complex orthopaedic / musculoskeletal conditions (including upper limb and hand conditions), spinal and head / mild brain injury, by formulating and implementing appropriate rehabilitation treatment plans.
  - Delivering professional clinical supervision to new occupational therapist/case managers.
- Consultant Occupational Therapist, Company Director - Kennedy Rehab Ltd** 2003 - present
- Specialising in the provision of case management, functional evaluation and vocational rehabilitation services.
- Occupational Therapist and Case Manager, Munich Re-Insurance Company** 2003 - 2006  
(Service transferred to First Assist Rehabilitation Services in June 2005)
- Case management service delivery, facilitating rehabilitation and assisting clients to return to work.
- Senior Occupational Therapist (Locum), Stroke Unit, Kingston Primary Health Care Trust** 2002 - 2003  
**and Unsted Park Hospital (Priory Rehabilitation Services), Surrey**
- Occupational therapy assessment and treatment provision within in-patient stroke rehabilitation units.
- Occupational Therapist (Locum), North Bay Rehabilitation Services, California, USA** 2001 - 2002
- In-patient and out-patient rehabilitation and treatment of orthopaedic and neurological conditions.
  - Out-patient treatment included treatment of upper limb and hand conditions within the hand clinic, including post-surgical patients.
- Occupational Therapist & Disability Claims Consultant, The Soma Initiative, Cape Town, SA** 1997 - 2001  
(Independent company specialising in the evaluation and management of disability claims)
- Objective assessment of clients' levels of impairment and impact on their function and work-related abilities.
  - Services included functional capacity evaluations, workplace visits and advice to employers and clients on reasonable adjustments and re-deployment options during the case management process.
- Occupational Therapist (Locum), Charing Cross Hospital, London** 1997
- Occupational therapy service provision within A&E and general medicine department.
- Occupational Therapist (Locum), Sundance Rehabilitation Corporation, Massachusetts, USA** 1996
- Assessment and treatment of patients with orthopaedic and neurological conditions in various rehabilitation and long-term care facilities throughout the Boston area.
  - Supervising certified occupational therapy assistants within various facilities.
- Occupational Therapist, Healthsouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital** 1994 – 1996  
**and Healthsouth Outpatient Clinic, Florida, USA**
- Developing and implementing treatment programs for various conditions within a 75-bed rehabilitation hospital and out-patient clinic, including orthopaedic, neurological, spinal and hand / upper limb inj

