

# **Senior support dogs, assistance dogs and animal assisted therapy that contribute to occupational therapy**

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**Time:** 14:30-16:00

**Room:** 202

**Minimum number of participants:** 60

**Estimated capacity:** 80

**Participation fee per person:** Free of charge

## **Learning Objectives**

To verify the empowerment effect of senior support dogs on occupational performance in the elderly, assistance dogs, and the role of occupational therapy in animal-assisted therapy.

## **Outline**

Senior support dogs are expected to support the life and health of the elderly owners. For the popularization of senior support dogs, it is necessary to train instructors for training dogs who can form a team with people involved in rehabilitation medicine, including the latest veterinary medicine and occupational therapy. Elderly owners also need social support for living with dogs. There are multiple problems to be solved in this way, but first of all, we would like to clarify the concept of occupational performance empowerment as occupational therapy. We will introduce the activities of assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities, senior support dogs, and animal-assisted therapy and discuss the possibility and direction of evidence building in occupational therapy through demonstrations.