

Accessibility Statement

The Program in Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine is committed to making its electronic and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities. On this website, we have attempted to meet or exceed the requirements of Section 508 of the U.S. federal government's Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d) and to follow accessibility recommendations as outlined by the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative.

Accessibility Standards

Section 508

Section 508 is a federal law that requires federal government agencies to provide individuals with disabilities equal access to electronic information and data comparable to those who do not have disabilities, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the agency. The Section 508 standards are the technical requirements and criteria that are used to measure conformance within this law. More information on Section 508 and the technical standards can be found at www.section508.gov.

W3C

W3C stands for the World Wide Web Consortium. W3C is an international community dedicated to producing web protocols and guidelines that ensure the long-term growth of the web. An important part of its mission is to foster accessibility to those with disabilities. Its Web Accessibility Initiative guidelines are considered the international standard for web accessibility.
www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag.php

Our Site

Design and Content Principles

- Contrast levels meet W3C guidelines as specified at <http://www.w3.org/TR/2008/REC-WCAG20-20081211/#visual-audio-contrast-contrast>
- Design is uncluttered
- Content is organized, concise and clearly written

Coding Principles

- Provides alternate text for all non-text elements on the page, including photos and other graphics
- Allows visitors using screen readers to skip to navigation and skip over repetitive elements
- CSS styles conform to W3C
- Optimized to perform well with the industry's most popular screen readers
- All information conveyed with color is also available without color (from context or markup)
- Online forms allow people using assistive technology to access the information, field elements and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues

Compliance Assessment

This site has been tested for accessibility compliance using the following web-based tools:

- U.S Patent and Trademark Office Online Survey Checklist:
http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cio/section508/web_checklist.pdf
- Contrast assessment tools: http://snook.ca/technical/colour_contrast/colour.html and <http://colorfilter.wickline.org/>

Your Computer's Accessibility Options

You may customize many built-in accessibility features on your Windows PC or Mac. Visit the links below for details.

- Microsoft Accessibility: <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/chartwindows.aspx>
- Mac OSX: <http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosx/vision.html>

Feedback

Please contact us if you have feedback or concerns related to the accessibility of any content on this website. If applicable, please include the web address or URL and the specific problems you have encountered.

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