



## Special Topic Forum - VIRTUAL

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This Forum will be recorded and made available to attendees by approximately June 21, 2025.

### DATE AND TIME

June 7, 2025  
10:00am – 11:30am

Registration must be received by June 5, 2025

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### *OTAC Private Practice Network*

## **Unlock Your Potential: Exploring Diverse Paths in OT Private Practice – Pediatric Therapy, Multidisciplinary Care, and Coaching-Based Models (1.5 PDU's)**

*Facilitator: Hiral Khatri, OTD, OTR/L, Co-Coordinator, OTAC Private Practice Network*

Are you dreaming of creating your own occupational therapy practice? Or perhaps you're already established but seeking fresh inspiration for a new direction? Join us for an exclusive panel featuring thriving OT entrepreneurs who have mastered three distinct and rewarding practice models: pediatrics, multidisciplinary care, and innovative coaching-based approaches.

This dynamic session will offer more than just information — it will provide the spark of inspiration and practical wisdom you need to transform your professional aspirations into reality. Our accomplished panelists will share their journeys, including challenges overcome, strategies that worked, and the fulfillment they've found as independent practitioners. There will also be time for Q&A.

### **Successful OT private practice entrepreneurs:**

Swati Shah, OTR/L, CEO/Founder

Ascend Rehab Services, Inc.

Sean Sullivan, CEO/Founder

Hawkeye Health

Kara Welke, OTD, OTR/L, CLT, CEO/Founder

Home Therapy Solutions & Next Level Occupational Therapy

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### Unlock Your Potential: Exploring Diverse Paths in OT Private Practice – Pediatric Therapy, Multidisciplinary Care, and Coaching-Based Models (1.5 PDU's)

#### ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS



**Swati Shah, OTR/L**, is an occupational therapy practitioner with over 28 years of diverse experience in pediatric care, spanning inpatient, home-based, early intervention, outpatient services, school systems, and clinic based. She is the

director and founder of Ascend Rehab Services, Inc., a multidisciplinary pediatric therapy organization that serves children across California. The clinics in Union City, Livermore, Manteca, Antioch, and Hayward also have inclusion preschools that emphasize a multi-disciplinary model. Under her leadership, Ascend provides OT/SLP/IDS/EI services to more than 8,000 families across California. The organization's shared mission is to provide compassionate, high-quality care and support to families of special needs children. Swati started a nonprofit, "Ascend Giving Foundation," which is about empowering women and children with education and professional development abilities. Swati's biggest mission is always giving back from then receiving, empowering women, and supporting her staff to become the best version of themselves.



**Sean Sullivan** is an insurance and physical medicine executive. While he became an occupational therapy practitioner 13 years ago, he has transitioned and adapted his career to focus on various entrepreneurial endeavors and corporate growth functions. Some of his recent past work

experience includes leading a physical medicine network division for a managed care organization representing \$600M in annual revenues, operating his own successful provider growth consulting firm (Payton Company) serving the needs of insurance carriers and medical providers, as well as running growth strategy for two national physical rehabilitation companies (Luna & Kins). He currently serves as vice president of partnerships at the largest property and casualty clearinghouse in the US (Jopari Solutions) and runs a major and catastrophic injury coaching business that bridges a significant gap between medical and legal services (Hawkeye Health).



**Kara Welke, OTD, OTR/L, CLT**, is an occupational therapy practitioner, entrepreneur, and educator with over 25 years of experience. She is the founder of Home Therapy Solutions, the world's first age-friendly recognized therapy practice, and Next Level

Occupational Therapy, a platform dedicated to helping practitioners reach the next level in their life and career. Welke has served as a fieldwork coordinator and instructor, mentoring future occupational therapy assistants. She presents across the U.S., both virtually and in person, on a wide range of topics from entrepreneurship to geriatrics. Her passion for geriatric care and entrepreneurship continues to drive innovation and elevate the occupational therapy profession.

### ABOUT THIS SPECIAL TOPIC FORUM

#### Professional Development Units (PDUs)

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