

SHRIKANT CHINCHALKAR is a hand therapist from Ontario, Canada. He qualified as an occupational therapist from Nagpur University, India, in 1971 and he became a certified hand therapist in 1996. He completed a Masters in Occupational Therapy in 2009. Shrikant has over 45 years' experience in hand therapy.



Shrikant also has over 35 years of teaching experience. He designed and developed hand and upper extremity programs at four major teaching centres in Canada and in two renowned medical centres in India. He has made over 300 presentations relating to the upper extremity at national and international conferences, workshops and symposiums (in more than 25 countries world-wide).

He is a consummate educator with a long history of voluntary teaching and delivery of hand therapy in developing countries including Brazil, India and most recently Sri Lanka. He also has trained physiotherapists in the Canadian Armed Forces on the management of upper extremity war injuries prior to their deployment to Kandahar city. He was also instrumental in helping establish the Indian Society of Hand Therapists.

Shrikant has authored six book chapters. Examples of which are in well-known textbooks such as: The Fundamentals of Hand Therapy and Splinting the Hand and Upper Extremity. He has published 39 articles and 15 abstracts in peer-reviewed journals relating to upper extremity surgery and therapy.

Shrikant has been awarded for his teaching, leadership, scholarly work, and humanitarianism from CSHT, ASHT and Universities in Canada and India. He is an Honorary Advisor to the Hong Kong and Indian Society of Hand Therapists.

He has been awarded with the following: "Excellence in Professional Practice" (Sisters of St. Joseph's Health Care), "Lifetime membership award" (Canadian Society of Hand Therapists), "Best Educator" (Western University), "Award for Leadership in Occupational Therapy" (Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists), "Outstanding Alumnae" (Nagpur University), and "Paul Brand Award of

Excellence in Hand Therapy” (American Society of Hand Therapists). In 2017, the Hand Therapy Fellowship program at Roth-McFarlane Hand Upper Limb Centre in Canada was renamed “The Chinchalkar Hand Therapy Fellowship”.

Shrikant continues to teach hand and upper limb rehabilitation through Advanced Clinical Education Inc. and works on a contract basis for North Coast Medical as a rehabilitation product supplier and producer.