



The Cochrane Collaboration is an international organisation that aims to help people make well-informed decisions about healthcare by preparing, maintaining and promoting the accessibility of systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions.

The Cochrane Oral Health Group (OHG) aims to produce systematic reviews which primarily include all randomised controlled trials (RCTs) in oral health. Oral health is broadly conceived to include the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of oral, dental and craniofacial diseases and disorders.

The OHG is composed of persons from around the world who share an interest in developing and maintaining systematic reviews relevant to the field of oral health. Reviewers are encouraged to collaborate on reviews and the OHG is able to facilitate contacts with colleagues around the world. The group is co-ordinated by an Editorial Team who edit and assemble completed reviews into modules for inclusion in *The Cochrane Library* (an electronic database updated quarterly).

New titles registered with OHG

- Chlorhexidine versus topical fluoride treatment for the prevention and management of dental caries in children and adolescents
- Adhesives for bonded molar tubes during fixed brace treatment
- Lumiracoxib for acute and post-surgical dental pain
- Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) with bone/bone substitutes versus bone/bone substitutes for treatment of periodontal intrabony defects
- Atraumatic restorative treatment versus conventional restorative treatment for the management of dental caries
- Antibacterial agents in composite restorations for the prevention of dental caries
- Interventions for cleaning dentures
- Interventions for the management of post-endodontic pain
- Fluoride tablets, drops and lozenges for preventing dental caries in children

What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 1, 2008:-

Review Updates

- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: hyperbaric oxygen therapy for irradiated patients who require dental implants
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: maintaining and recovering soft tissue health around dental implants

New Reviews

- Full-mouth disinfection for the treatment of adult chronic periodontitis
- Interventions for the management of submucous cleft palate

New Protocols

- Intra socket interventions for the treatment of dry socket
- Open versus closed surgical exposure of eye (canine) teeth that are displaced in the roof of the mouth
- Treatments for adults with prominent lower front teeth

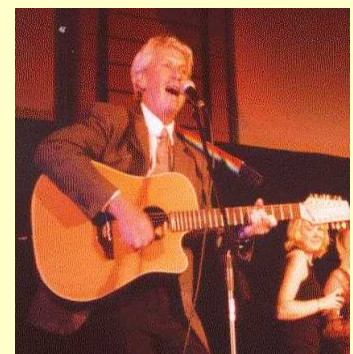
You will find all of the above reviews at www.thecochranelibrary.com

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<u>Cochrane Library</u>	<u>Reviewer to Editorial Base</u>	<u>Editorial Base to Parent Database</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
<u>Issue 2, 08</u>	11 February	20 February	16 April
<u>Issue 3, 08</u>	5 May	14 May	9 July
<u>Issue 4, 08</u>	4 August	13 August	8 October
<u>Issue 1, 09</u>	3 November	12 November	21 January

Newsflash

We are very proud to inform you that our Co-ordinating Editor, Professor Bill Shaw (seen here serenading a captivated audience at the Lyon Cochrane Colloquium), was recognised in the New Year's Honours List. He was awarded a CBE for services to dentistry. Bill will receive his honour from the Queen in June.



Congratulations Bill!

OHG News

- **OHG members honoured!** Professor Saman Warnakulasuriya, a member of the Expert Panel for the series of reviews on treatments for oral/oropharyngeal cancers, was also recognised in the New Year's Honours List. He was awarded an OBE for services to medicine. Professor Jonathan Shepherd, a member and a referee for oral surgery reviews has been awarded a prestigious international prize, the 2008 Stockholm Prize in Criminology, for his research on late-night city centre violence. Congratulations to Saman and Jonathan!
- **OHG workshop at the UK and Ireland meeting!** OHG editor, Dr Valeria Marinho will be facilitating a workshop at 2.15pm on Tuesday 11th March at the 13th Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration, Park Inn Hotel, York. The meeting is entitled 'Making sense of scientific evidence in dentistry: a workshop for individuals collaborating (or interested in collaborating) with the Cochrane OHG'.

Objective: To provide an introduction to Cochrane systematic reviews of randomized controlled trials in dentistry and to familiarise participants with the work of the Cochrane Oral Health Group.

Intended audience: Anyone (participants with and without any dental background should be able to enjoy, and to learn from, this workshop).

Level of knowledge required to participate: Basic/Intermediate.

To register for the meeting please go to <https://asp.artegis.com/lp/Registration2008/York?1=1>.

- **RevMan 5 on course for March 2008 release!** The major new update of the Collaboration's review writing software is currently being piloted by five Review Groups and their authors. You can now download RevMan 5 Release Candidate at <http://www.cc-ims.net/RevMan/RevMan5> in order to read the User Guide and carry out the tutorial. **Please note it is strictly for testing and is not the final product. It should not be used to produce or submit review versions.** The Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group will notify all authors of the date by which editorial offices will begin using RevMan 5 to process reviews, and the implications this will have for them and their review teams. Cochrane Centres will provide training.
- **Major update of Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions!** Version 5 of the Handbook is in development and will accompany RevMan 5 on its release. It is the official document that describes in detail the process of preparing and maintaining Cochrane systematic reviews on the effects of healthcare interventions. Provisional draft chapters and a short summary of some of the main changes are available at <http://www.cochrane.org/resources/handbook/index.htm>.
- **Cochrane OHG review wins award!** A review led by Professor Jorg Eberhard entitled 'Full mouth disinfection for the treatment of chronic periodontitis' was awarded the Cochrane Prize 2007 by the German Cochrane Centre and the Deutsche Krankenversicherung. Congratulations to the review team!

Cochrane Training & Events

Cochrane events and workshops are a great way to get to know how the Collaboration works, make new friends and learn new skills – and all this whilst having fun!!!

Please visit www.cochrane.org/news/workshops.htm for further details on how to attend.

Feb 2008	14 Feb: Meta-synthesis of qualitative research, Provinciehuis Vlaams-Brabant, Leuven, Belgium
March 2008	5 Mar: Review author training, RevMan 5 training and Consumer workshops – Hosted by the 6th Annual Canadian Cochrane Symposium, Edmonton, Canada 6-7 Mar: 6th Annual Canadian Cochrane Symposium, Edmonton, Canada 11-12 Mar: 13th Annual Meeting of UK and Irish Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration – including review author training, RevMan 5 training, etc, York, UK 14-16 Mar: Completing a Cochrane systematic review workshop, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA 17 Mar: Developing a protocol for a review, Bath, UK 18 Mar: Introduction to analysis, Bath, UK
April 2008	2 Apr: German Cochrane Centre 10 Year Symposium, Freiburg, Germany 3-5 Apr: Systematic reviews in medicine, Freiburg, Germany

Please note new courses appear all the time and existing ones may change so it is a good idea to keep an eye on the workshop webpage. Some Cochrane Centres are prepared to offer ad-hoc or one-to-one training tailored to suit your needs. To find your nearest Cochrane Centre please go to www.cochrane.org/contact/country.htm.

Reminder to all authors!

We would like to remind all OHG authors that Cochrane reviews should be updated every two years. Likewise, protocols should be converted into reviews within 18 months and registered titles to protocols within 9 months.

Please note we have an open door policy at the OHG editorial base and can offer you space and time away from your normal working environment in order to work on your review without distraction.

2008 Dental Diary Dates!

- 37th Annual Meeting & Exhibition of the AADR, Dallas, Texas, USA, 2-5 April 2008
- 3rd International Meeting: Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research, Milan, Italy, 16-18 April 2008
- British Dental Association Conference & Exhibition, Manchester, UK, 1-3 May 2008
- IADR 86th General Session & Exhibition, Toronto, Canada, 2-5 July 2008