



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).

### Out of date reviews

Please note the OHG reserves the right to reassign any title, protocol or review to a new review team should the next stage not be delivered in a timely fashion. Our recommended timescales are as follows: title to protocol = 6-9 months; protocol to review = 18 months from publication date of protocol; reviews should be updated every 2 years.

Review teams should contact the editorial base to negotiate/re-arrange submission dates if they foresee that they will not be able to deliver on time.

### New titles registered with OHG

- Interventions for myogenous temporomandibular disorder (TMD) patients
- Protective analgesia for postoperative pain following third molar surgery

### What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 4, 2009:-

#### Reviews Updates

- Interventions for preventing oral candidiasis for patients with cancer receiving treatment [[conclusions not changed](#)]
- Enamel matrix derivative (Emdogain) for periodontal tissue regeneration in intrabony defects [[conclusions not changed](#)]
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: horizontal and vertical bone augmentation techniques for dental implant treatment [[conclusions changed](#)]

#### New Reviews

- Arthrocentesis and lavage for treating temporomandibular joint disorders
- Adhesively bonded versus non-bonded amalgam restorations for dental caries
- Interventions for central giant cell granuloma of the jaws
- Interventions for cleaning dentures in adults

#### New Protocols

- Interventions for treating ameloblastomas of the jaws [[republished due to major changes to original protocol](#)]
- Interventions for the management of post-endodontic pain
- Interventions for the management of external root resorptions
- Atraumatic restorative treatment versus conventional restorative treatment for the management of dental caries
- Secondary bone grafting for alveolar cleft in children with cleft lip or cleft lip and palate
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: attachment systems for implant overdentures in edentulous jaws

You will find all of the above reviews at [www.thecochranelibrary.com](http://www.thecochranelibrary.com)

### Submission & publication dates 2010

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### OHG to increase consumer input

The Cochrane Collaboration has recently recommended that Cochrane Review Groups increase consumer involvement in the peer reviewing process. The OHG has responded by piloting new focus groups where consumers meet face to face to discuss important reviews during the refereeing stage. We are beginning with 2 reviews which will be of great interest to consumers with children: 1) Fluoride toothpastes of different concentrations for preventing dental caries in children and adolescents, 2) Topical fluoride as a cause of dental fluorosis in children. This is being co-ordinated by Ruth Floate, a parent of a young child, who is based in Dundee. Please contact us if you are interested in participating.

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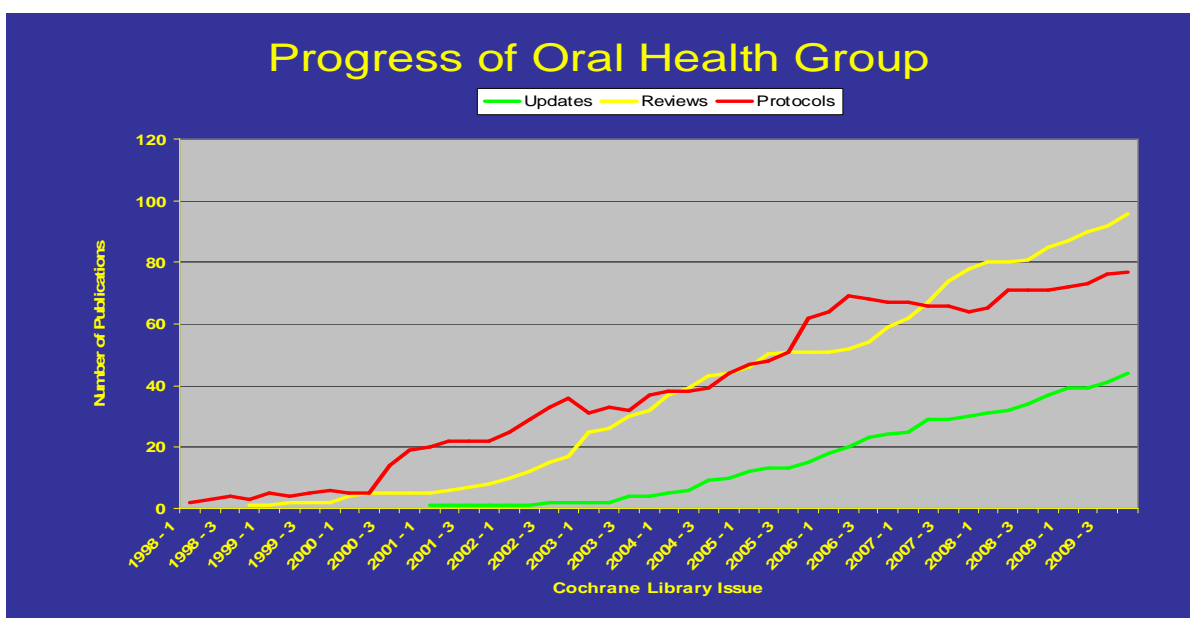
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## Cochrane News

- Cochrane Style Guide updated.** We would like to alert our review authors to the latest version of the Cochrane Style Guide which is a resource to ensure that a consistent style of writing is used in the production of Cochrane reviews. There is also a handy and concise two-page version containing essential copy-editing guidance available for review authors which is entitled 'Cochrane Style Guide Basics'. Please go to [www.cochrane.org/style/csg.htm](http://www.cochrane.org/style/csg.htm).
- Free trial access to the Health Economic Evaluations Database.** From late October, Wiley-Blackwell and the Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group (CCEMG) will launch a pilot initiative to provide free trial access to the Health Economic Evaluations Database (HEED). The free trial is available to authorised authors of Cochrane reviews and also to Trials Search Co-ordinators, via the CCEMG website ([www.c-cemg.org](http://www.c-cemg.org)). The initiative aims to promote use of HEED in searches conducted for Cochrane intervention reviews that aim to incorporate economic evidence, alongside use of the NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHS EED) and other specialist health economics literature databases. Registered users will also be offered free access to additional services, including specialist training and peer review. Visit the CCEMG website for more information and an online application form. Guidance on incorporating economic evidence into Cochrane reviews is published in Part 3, Chapter 15 of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* ([www.cochrane-handbook.org](http://www.cochrane-handbook.org)).

### RevMan 5 & Archie tips for authors

- To protect against accidental data loss, RevMan will automatically save a local backup of your review at regular intervals. The default is every 10 minutes, but this can be changed in your Preferences (Tools > Preferences: Files tab). The backup file is saved by default to your computer's temporary folder, but you can specify a different location on the same tab (Files) of your Preferences.
- You can check a draft in for Editorial approval with 'Warnings' but not 'Errors'. Any significant missing information (for example, missing links for figures) will be flagged as an Error and will prevent the review from being checked in for Editorial approval.



## 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](http://www.cochrane.org/news/workshops.htm) for further details on how to attend.

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| <b>December</b> | 3-4: <a href="#">Systematic reviews in healthcare, Lausanne, Switzerland</a><br>3: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Westmead, NSW Australia</a><br>4: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Westmead, NSW Australia</a><br>7: <a href="#">Annual Dutch Cochrane Contributors' meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a><br>8: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Liverpool, UK</a><br>9: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Liverpool, UK</a> |
| <b>January</b>  | 11-13: <a href="#">3rd South Asian regional symposium on evidence-informed healthcare, Vellore, India</a><br>19-20: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK</a><br>21: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK</a><br>27-29: <a href="#">Evidence-based medicine in clinical practice, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a>  |
| <b>February</b> | 8: <a href="#">Introduction to evidence-informed healthcare, Vellore, India</a>  |

### 2010 Conference dates!

- AADR/CADR Annual Meeting, Washington, USA, 3-6 Mar
- 4th International Meeting on Methodological Issues In Oral Health, Istanbul, Turkey, 21-23 Apr
- Society for Clinical Trials, Baltimore, USA, 16-19 May
- British Dental Association, Liverpool, UK, 20-22 May
- IADR General Session, Barcelona, Spain, 14-17 Jul
- Association for Dental Education in Europe, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 25-28 Aug
- European Assoc of Dental Public Health, Constanta, Romania, 9-11 Sept
- American Dental Association, Orlando, USA, 9-12 Oct