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).

Authors wanted!

The OHG requires authors to review the following topics. Please contact the Editorial Base if you are interested.

- Chlorhexidine for the prevention and management of dental caries
- Interventions for caries management in head and neck cancer patients
- Interventions for caries management in non-impacted wisdom teeth
- Interventions for periodontal management in head and neck cancer patients
- Interventions for the prevention of dry socket
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: management of soft tissues for dental implants
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: 1- versus 2-stage implant placement
- Orthodontic treatment for prominent upper front teeth in children
- Paracetamol for pain relief after surgical removal of lower wisdom teeth
- Surgical versus non-surgical endodontic re-treatment for periapical lesions
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: management of soft tissues for dental implants

New Protocols

- Optimum force for tooth movement in orthodontic treatment
- Acyclovir for treating primary herpetic gingivostomatitis
- Mouthrinses for the treatment of halitosis
- Interventions for the management of submucous cleft palate
- Interventions for the management of herpes simplex virus in patients being treated for cancer

What's new in The Cochrane Library?
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New Reviews

- Reinforcement of anchorage during orthodontic brace treatment with implants or other surgical methods
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: 1- versus 2-stage implant placement
- Orthodontic treatment for prominent upper front teeth in children
- Interdental/interspace brushes for oral hygiene in orthodontic patients with fixed appliances
- Paracetamol for pain relief after surgical removal of lower wisdom teeth
- Surgical versus non-surgical endodontic re-treatment for periapical lesions
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New titles registered with OHG

If you are interested in preparing and maintaining a Cochrane review please fill in a title registration form, which can be found on our website, and return it to the Editorial Base.

- Mandibular manipulation for temporomandibular joint disorders
- Pre-surgical orthopaedics for infants with complete cleft lip and palate
- Orthognathic surgery for surgical correction of patients with mandibular deformity
- Timing of hard palate repair for cleft lip and palate
- Different surgical procedures in endodontic surgery for the treatment of periradicular lesions
- Root coverage procedures for the treatment of recession
OHG Workshop at Cochrane Colloquium

The OHG will hold a workshop at the Cochrane Colloquium, São Paulo, Brazil. It is provisionally timetabled for 4.30pm on Wednesday 24 October and will be delivered by OHG Editor and reviewer, Dr Valeria Marinho. The title of the workshop is 'Making sense of scientific evidence in dentistry: a workshop for individuals collaborating (or interested in collaborating) with the Cochrane Oral Health Group'. The workshop will provide an introduction to Cochrane systematic reviews of randomised controlled trials in dentistry and familiarise participants with the work of the Cochrane Oral Health Group. The level will be basic to intermediate and participants with and without any dental background should be able to enjoy the workshop and learn.

Progress of Oral Health Group

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.

Aug 2007
1-2 Aug: Handsearching: Identifying and Classifying Controlled Trial Reports (online), US Cochrane Centre
5-9 Aug: 9th Rocky Mountain Workshop on How to Practice Evidence-Based Health Care, Colorado Springs, USA
10 Aug: Introduction to Cochrane Reviews and Meta-Analysis, Karachi, Pakistan
11-14 Aug: Advanced Statistical Methods in Cochrane Reviews, Karachi, Pakistan
17-19 Aug: Methodologies for Systematic Reviews, Chandigarh, India
17 Aug: Cochrane work-in (3 hours), Khon Kaen, Thailand
22 Aug: Developing a Protocol for a Systematic Review, Melbourne, Australia
27 Aug: Introduction to new Cochrane Handbook Methods and RevMan 5, Melbourne, Australia
28-29 Aug: Updating a Cochrane Review, Melbourne, Australia

Sept 2007
1-30 Sep: Reviews for Africa Programme, Cape Town, South Africa
7 Sep: Evidence-based Healthcare: A workshop on finding, synthesizing, and applying clinical evidence, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA
11-12 Sep: Developing a Protocol for a Review 2 day Workshop, Oxford, UK
13 Sep: Introduction to Analysis, Oxford, UK
20 Sep: Developing a Systematic Review, Amsterdam, Holland
20 Sep: Cochrane work-in (3 hours), Khon Kaen, Thailand
20-21 Sep: Introduction to Analysis, Khon Kaen, Thailand
25-26 Sep: Conducting a Cochrane Review, Manila, Philippines
27-28 Sep: Review Completion Workshop, Manila, Philippines

Oct 2007
2 Oct: Developing a Protocol for a Review, Belfast, N Ireland
4 Oct: Introduction to Analysis, Belfast, N Ireland
23-27 Oct: XV Cochrane Colloquium, São Paulo, Brazil

2007/8 Dental Diary Dates!
- American Dental Association Annual Session, San Francisco, USA, 27-30 Sep 2007
- British Dental Conference & Exhibition, Manchester, UK, 1-3 May 2008
- IADR 86th General Session & Exhibition, Toronto, Canada, 2-5 July 2008