



# Oral Health Group Newsletter



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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).

## Impact Factor 4.654!!!

The 2007 impact factors (IF) have now been published by Thomson ISI and the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) has an IF of 4.654 and is ranked 14 out of 100 in the ISI category Medicine, General & Internal. The median IF for this category is 1.188.

The IF is a tool for ranking, evaluating, and comparing journals. It is a measure of the frequency with which the "average article" in a journal has been cited in a particular year. The more widely a journal article is cited, the more likely it is that the specific article and the journal in which it is published, are perceived to be high-quality, reliable sources of information. The CDSR's ranking at number 14 in its category is a testament to the high regard in which The Cochrane Collaboration's work is held by its peers in the field, and to the hard work of all Cochrane contributors.

## What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 3, 2008:-

### Review Updates

- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: bone augmentation techniques for dental implant treatment
- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: antibiotics at dental implant placement to prevent complications

### New Reviews

- Occlusal interventions for periodontitis in adults

### New Protocols

- Interventions for treating temporomandibular joint osteoarthritis

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

## Submission & publication dates 2008/9

| <u>Cochrane Library</u> | <u>Reviewer to Editorial Base</u> | <u>Editorial Base to Parent Database</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <u>Issue 4, 08</u>      | 4 August                          | 13 August                                | 8 October               |
| <u>Issue 1, 09</u>      | 3 November                        | 12 November                              | 21 January              |

## Farewell Sylvia, Welcome Anne!

As the OHG bids a fond farewell to Sylvia Bickley, who has been the Group's Trials Search Co-ordinator (TSC) since its inception, we welcome Anne Littlewood who has now taken up the position within the Group. Anne graduated with an MA in Library and Information Management from the Manchester Metropolitan University in 2002. She worked as a Bibliographic Assistant for the John Rylands University Library of Manchester from 2000-2002, and then went on to work for the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work at the University of Manchester as Information Officer from 2002-2008. She completed a chartership with the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in 2003. She is currently working towards an MPhil in Information Management at the Manchester Metropolitan University on the topic "Knowledge Institutions? The strategic management of information and knowledge in universities". In short we think Anne will be a superb TSC and we wish her success in her new role. Anne can be contacted for advice and assistance with search strategies at [a.littlewood@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:a.littlewood@manchester.ac.uk).

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## OHG News

- **OHG meeting at Cochrane Colloquium.** As you may be aware, the annual Cochrane Colloquium is fast approaching. This year it will be held in Freiburg, Germany 3 to 7 October. The OHG will host a meeting on Saturday 4 October at 4.30pm at Konzerthaus - K5-7 Meetings. This will present us the opportunity to meet with existing or potential reviewers/contributors to the Group and allow us to answer any questions. For registration or further information about the Cochrane Colloquium please visit [www.colloquium.info](http://www.colloquium.info).
- **OHG review abstracts soon in French.** We are delighted to announce that, in Autumn 2008, we expect to be able to present all OHG review abstracts in French. The translations will be available on our website and also on the University of Toulouse website (so that abstract reviews can be accompanied by French explanations and examples with evidence-based dentistry (EBD) vocabulary lists). The work will be carried out by Jean-Noel Vergnes who is Assistant Professor at the Department of Epidemiology, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toulouse, France. We are very grateful to Jean-Noel for his efforts.
- **Prioritisation of reviews.** As part of a Collaboration-wide initiative, the OHG is currently carrying out an exercise to prioritise new reviews and review updates in each specialty area. We are currently consulting IADR Scientific groups and we feel that this initiative should ensure that scientific experts in IADR take a leading role in the development of the evidence base of Cochrane reviews, ensuring the right questions are addressed and that the clinical content is of the highest international standard.

### Conversion of OHG reviews to RevMan 5

Please note that we are required to convert all published protocols and reviews on The Cochrane Library from RevMan 4 to RevMan 5 by Issue 1, 2009. We have been steadily working through our conversions so if you are planning on progressing your protocol or updating your review please contact the editorial base to check on the status of your review.

## New Cochrane materials

The Cochrane Collaboration have recently updated much of the materials used in producing a Cochrane Review. Here is a quick reminder of what you should now be using if you are working on a Cochrane Review:

- **RevMan 5.** The Collaboration's review writing software is now improved and much more user friendly. You can download RevMan 5 for free at [www.cc-ims.net/RevMan](http://www.cc-ims.net/RevMan). The tutorial is recommended!
- **Archie.** Reviews are stored in Archie (the Collaboration's central server for managing documents). However, reviews can only be edited in RevMan 5. Contact authors of reviews in RevMan 5 format are given an Archie account and check out their review/s into RevMan 5 in order to work on them. For help with Archie go to [www.cochrane-net.org/imshelp/quickstart/quickstart\\_guide.htm](http://www.cochrane-net.org/imshelp/quickstart/quickstart_guide.htm).
- **Handbook.** An important source of information for carrying out your review is the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions. The current version is 5.0.0 and is currently available in full in browsable form only [www.cochrane.org/resources/handbook/index.htm](http://www.cochrane.org/resources/handbook/index.htm).
- **GradePro.** GRADEpro (GRADEprofiler) is the software used to create Summary of Findings (SoF) tables in Cochrane systematic reviews. You can learn more and download at [www.cc-ims.net/gradepro](http://www.cc-ims.net/gradepro).

## 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>Aug 2008</b>  | 8-9: <a href="#">Qualitative methods symposium, Adelaide, Australia</a><br>20: <a href="#">Understanding systematic reviews, Toronto, Canada</a><br>20-21: <a href="#">Cochrane systematic review author workshop, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</a>  |
| <b>Sept 2008</b> | 2: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK</a><br>3: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK</a><br>4: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Adelaide, Australia</a><br>5: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Adelaide, Australia</a><br>9: <a href="#">Developing a systematic review, Dutch Cochrane Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a>   |
| <b>Oct 2008</b>  | 1-31: <a href="#">Reviews for Africa programme, Nigeria</a><br>3-7: <a href="#">Annual International Cochrane Colloquium, Freiburg, Germany</a><br>11: <a href="#">RevMan 5 workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark</a><br>20: <a href="#">New Cochrane Handbook methods &amp; RevMan 5 for existing Review authors, Khon Kaen, Thailand</a><br>21-22: <a href="#">Cochrane review completion, Khon Kaen, Thailand</a><br>22: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Glasgow, UK</a><br>23: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Glasgow, UK</a><br>29: <a href="#">Protocol workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark</a> |

### 2008/9 Conference Dates!

- European Association for Dental Public Health, Heidelberg, Germany, 4-6 Sept
- Pan European Federation of IADR, London, UK, 10-12 Sept
- British Orthodontic Society, Brighton, UK, 14-17 Sept
- American Dental Association, San Antonio, USA, 16-19 Oct
- IADR & AADR General Session, Miami, USA, 1-4 April
- British Dental Association, Glasgow, UK, 4-6 June