



# 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).

## New titles registered with OHG

- Orthodontic treatment for bimaxillary proclination
- Fluoride toothpastes of different concentrations for preventing dental caries in children
- Secondary bone grafting for alveolar cleft in children with cleft lip or cleft lip and palate
- Use of topical fluoride in causing dental fluorosis in children
- Interventions for the prevention of osteonecrosis in patients receiving bisphosphonate therapy undergoing oral surgery
- Fibrin sealants for local hemostasis in oral surgery
- Interventions for treating oral hemangiomas
- Dental extractions prior to radiotherapy for reducing long term complications
- Initial arch wires for alignment of teeth with fixed orthodontic braces

## What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 4, 2008:-

### Review Updates

- Antibiotics for the prophylaxis of bacterial endocarditis in dentistry
- Hand and ultrasonic instrumentation for orthograde root canal treatment of permanent teeth [[conclusions changed](#)]
- Pit and fissure sealants for preventing dental decay in the permanent teeth of children and adolescents

### New Reviews

- Open versus closed surgical exposure of canine teeth that are displaced in the roof of the mouth
- Acyclovir for treating primary herpetic gingivostomatitis
- Mouthrinses for the treatment of halitosis
- Interventions for the management of oral submucous fibrosis

### New Protocols

- Primary surgical versus primary non-surgical interventions for central giant cell granuloma (CGCG) of the jaws
- One-to-one oral hygiene advice provided in a dental setting for oral health
- Home-use whitening toothpastes for removal and prevention of stains in adults
- Interventions for cleaning dentures in adults

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

## Submission & publication dates 2009

<u>Cochrane Library</u>	<u>Reviewer to Editorial Base</u>	<u>Editorial Base to Parent Database</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
<b>Issue 1, 09</b>	3 November	12 November	21 January
<b>Issue 2, 09</b>	9 February	18 February	15 April
<b>Issue 3, 09</b>	4 May	13 May	8 July
<b>Issue 4, 09</b>	3 August	12 August	7 October

## Thank you to all OHG contributors!

The OHG has received extremely positive feedback from the Department of Health England on our Group's annual report for 2007. We have moved up from fifth to third place out of the 24 DoH-funded UK based Groups in terms of productivity scores. This would not have been possible without the contribution of all our editors, authors, peer reviewers, translators and handsearchers. Therefore we at the editorial base would like to extend our gratitude to you all.

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## Other news

- **OHG meeting at Cochrane Colloquium.** The OHG hosted an open meeting at the recent Annual Cochrane Colloquium in Freiburg. We were delighted at the turnout and enjoyed some interesting discussions. Attendees included people from Spain, Japan, India, Brazil, Iran and the UK.
- **UK meeting.** The next Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration will be held at the Edinburgh Conference Centre in Edinburgh, Scotland, 18-19 March 2009. Further details will be available at [www.cochrane.co.uk](http://www.cochrane.co.uk) later in the year.
- **Last chance to apply for Cochrane scholarship!** Applications are invited for The Cochrane Collaboration Aubrey Sheiham Public Health and Primary Care Scholarship from health workers, consumers and researchers living in developing countries. This is a 4-month Scholarship to develop skills in preparing systematic reviews of health care interventions within the Cochrane Collaboration. Applicants must have agreed to a review topic before 1st August 2008 with the relevant Cochrane Review Group. The closing date for applications is 29 October 2008. Contact Nicola McDowell ([nmcdowell@cochrane.co.uk](mailto:nmcdowell@cochrane.co.uk)).

### Important notice: reviews as part of MSc's no longer accepted

Please note that the OHG will no longer be registering titles which are part of an MSc project. This is due to the fact that, with the release of RevMan 5 and the introduction of summary of findings and risk of bias tables and the new methodology involved, Cochrane reviews are more challenging than ever. The relatively short duration of MSc courses means we are no longer able to take the risk of reviews not being completed or updated as has occurred in the past.

## Changes to *The Cochrane Library*: review status flags

The **Update** flag no longer exists, instead the flags **New search**, **Conclusions changed** for reviews and **Major change** for protocols (i.e. the protocol has been amended to reflect a change in scope) are used to provide a more precise indication on the type of update and improve searching.

**Q** What constitutes a new citation version of a Cochrane review?

**A** Following criteria for a new citation version of a Cochrane review as published in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* Version 5.0.0 (available in browsable form at [www.cochrane-handbook.org](http://www.cochrane-handbook.org)) please note: updates with no change to conclusions or authors do not require new citations in *The Cochrane Library* and MEDLINE/ISI.

For other recent changes to *The Cochrane Library* please go to:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/homepages/106568753/importantchanges.pdf>

## 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 note that all new authors are strongly encouraged to attend Cochrane review workshops.**

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>Nov 2008</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Dublin, Ireland</a></li> <li>11: <a href="#">EQUATOR Network: Key guidelines for reporting health research studies, Khon Kaen, Thailand</a></li> <li>12: <a href="#">Introduction to Cochrane risk of bias tool, Khon Kaen, Thailand</a></li> <li>17-21: <a href="#">Cochrane review completion &amp; update program, Melbourne, Australia</a></li> <li>18: <a href="#">Developing a systematic review, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a></li> <li>18-19: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK</a></li> <li>20: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>Dec 2008</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Sydney, Australia</a></li> <li>5: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Sydney, Australia</a></li> <li>9: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Liverpool, UK</a></li> <li>10: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Liverpool, UK</a></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Jan 2009</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13-14: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK</a></li> <li>15: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK</a></li> <li>15-17: <a href="#">Completing a Cochrane review, Fort Lauderdale, USA</a></li> </ul>   |

### 2009 Conference dates!

- IADR & AADR General Session, Miami, USA, 1-4 Apr
- American Association of Orthodontists, Boston, USA, 1-5 May
- Society for Clinical Trials, Atlanta, USA, 3-6 May
- British Dental Association, Glasgow, UK, 4-6 Jun
- European Orthodontic Society, Helsinki, Finland, 10-14 Jun
- European Association for Dental Public Health, Tromsø, Norway, 3-5 Sept
- American Academy of Periodontology, Boston, USA, 12-15 Sept