



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).

To learn more about the Group please visit our website at www.ohg.cochrane.org or feel to get in contact with us at the email addresses below.

What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 1, 2009:-

Review Updates

- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: different times for loading dental implants [conclusions changed]
- Orthodontic treatment for deep bite and retroclined upper front teeth in children

New Reviews

- Interventions for the prevention and treatment of herpes simplex virus in patients being treated for cancer
- Resorbable versus titanium plates for facial fractures

New Protocols

- Adhesively bonded versus non-bonded amalgam restorations for dental caries
- Fluoride supplements (tablets, drops, lozenges or chewing gums) for preventing dental caries in children
- Interventions for space closure in orthodontic treatment

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

Submission & publication dates 2009/10

Cochrane Library	Reviewer to Editorial Base	Editorial Base to Parent Database	Publication Date
Issue 2, 09	9 February	18 February	15 April
Issue 3, 09	4 May	13 May	8 July
Issue 4, 09	3 August	12 August	7 October
Issue 1, 10	2 November	11 November	20 January

Change of Co-ordinating Editor

As from the beginning of 2009 our joint Co-ordinating Editor, Bill Shaw (pictured receiving his CBE last year), has stepped down from his role alongside Helen Worthington. Jan Clarkson (also pictured) has now taken over the reigns. Bill, along with Helen Worthington, set up the Manchester editorial base in 1997 and has been instrumental in leading the OHG to its current position as the third most productive Cochrane Review Group of the 24 Department of Health funded UK based Groups. Bill will now lead a 10-year multicentre randomised control trial of the timing of surgery for infants with cleft palate, the findings of which will have relevance for cleft care throughout the world. Jan Clarkson has been an OHG Editor since 1998 and is the Director of the Effective Dental Practice Programme and an Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry based at the Dental Health Services Research Unit, at the University of Dundee. The staff at the Editorial Base look forward to working closely with Jan and we are confident that she and Helen will ensure that the OHG continues to emulate and build upon our recent success in the coming years. We would like to thank Bill for all his support over the years and it has been a pleasure to work with him!



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Other OHG news

- **Abstracts of OHG reviews now in French.** We are delighted to announce that Jean-Noel Vergnes and Paul Monsarrat of the Department of Dental Epidemiology at the Toulouse Dental School in France have now completed the translation of all OHG review abstracts into French. The translations will be maintained on the Centre Français d'Evidence-Based Dentistry website (<http://cfebd.ups-tlse.fr/>) under the heading 'Cochrane' from around the 1st of February 2009. Alternatively you can find a link to the translations through the OHG website (www.ohg.cochrane.org). We now have translations in French, German, Japanese and Spanish.
- **Cochrane Incentive Scheme.** In recent years, the Department of Health in England has funded an annual scheme whereby small incentive payments were offered to Cochrane Review Groups for preparing key new or updated Cochrane reviews by agreed dates. For the third year in a row the OHG has been successful with two reviews put forward. The successful reviews were:

- 1) *Fluoride toothpastes of different concentrations for preventing dental caries in children – Tanya Walsh et al*
- 2) *Use of topical fluoride in causing dental fluorosis in children – May Wong et al*

Tips for authors

- The person who checks a review draft out of Archie must be the same person who checks it back into Archie.
- Click save when a draft is checked out to RevMan 5 so that the most recent file can be recovered from RevMan 5 using the 'File > Recent Files' route if necessary.
- Create an additional table from a table in MS Word by using an appendix as a temporary clipboard. Add new appendix > paste Word table into appendix > right click on table in appendix and choose 'Move to Additional Table' > delete appendix again.

Cochrane News

- **New Cochrane Editor in Chief.** The Cochrane Collaboration recently appointed Dr David Tovey as its first ever Editor in Chief. David's previous role was Editorial Director of the BMJ Group's 'Knowledge' division, responsible for BMJ Clinical Evidence and its sister product BestTreatments. David has been appointed in order to ensure that *The Cochrane Library* remains relevant to its users, that its quality and coverage continue to grow, and that it remains at the core of healthcare decision making.
- **UK meeting.** The next Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration will be held at the Edinburgh Conference Centre (Heriot Watt University) in Edinburgh, Scotland, 18-19 March 2009. There will be some interesting plenary sessions and a wide selection of workshops. Registration is now open at www.cochrane.co.uk.

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 for further details on how to attend.

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| February | 4: Basic Cochrane workshop, Manitoba, Canada |
| March | 2: Developing a protocol for a review, Melbourne, Australia
3: Introduction to analysis, Melbourne, Australia
11-12: Canadian Cochrane Symposium, Nova Scotia, Canada
16-20: Review completion & update program, Melbourne, Australia
18-19: Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based Contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration, Edinburgh, Scotland
25: Developing a protocol for a review, Bath, UK
26: Introduction to analysis, Bath, UK
26-28: Systematic review workshop, Freiburg, Germany
27-28: Grading of evidence and recommendations - GRADE, Freiburg, Germany
30: Introduction to literature searching, Freiburg, Germany
31: Systematic literature search (advanced level), Freiburg, Germany |
| April | 3: Review completion & update program, Darwin, Australia
17: Introductory Cochrane author workshop, Manitoba, Canada |
| May | 12: Developing a protocol for a review, Belfast, N Ireland
12-15: The Nottingham Systematic Review Course, Nottingham, UK
13: Introduction to analysis, Belfast, N Ireland
25: Developing a protocol for a review, Brisbane, Australia
26: Introduction to analysis, Brisbane, Australia |

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
- Association for Dental Education in Europe, Helsinki, Finland, 26-29 Aug
- European Association for Dental Public Health, Tromsø, Norway, 3-5 Sept