



# 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](http://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 2, 2009:-

### New Reviews

- Extraction of primary (baby) teeth for unerupted palatally displaced permanent canine teeth in children
- Dental fillings for the treatment of caries in the primary dentition
- Root coverage procedures for the treatment of localised recession-type defects

### New Protocols

- Psychological interventions for reducing dental anxiety in children
- Psychological interventions for reducing postoperative morbidity in dental surgery in adults
- Antibacterial agents in composite restorations for the prevention of dental caries
- Interventions for treating traumatised ankylosed permanent front teeth
- Topical fluoride as a cause of dental fluorosis in children

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

## Submission & publication dates 2009/10

| <u>Cochrane Library</u> | <u>Reviewer to Editorial Base</u> | <u>Editorial Base to Parent Database</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <u>Issue 3, 09</u>      | 4 May                             | 13 May                                   | 8 July                  |
| <u>Issue 4, 09</u>      | 3 August                          | 12 August                                | 7 October               |
| <u>Issue 1, 10</u>      | 2 November                        | 11 November                              | 20 January              |

## New titles registered with OHG

- Behavioural management for chronic orofacial pain / TMD
- Intra-operative local anaesthesia for reduction of post-operative pain and/or anxiety following general anaesthesia for dental treatment in children and adults
- Professionally-applied fluoride paint-on solutions for the control of dental caries in children and adolescents
- Adhesives for the restoration of cervical non-carious Class V lesions
- Interventions for the cessation of pacifier or digit sucking habits in children

## OHG news

- **OHG to receive future funding.** The Department of Health in England has confirmed that following the current period of funding which will end in 2010, the OHG will be funded for a further 5 years.
- **New Feedback Editor.** Anne Littlewood, the Group's Trials Search Co-ordinator, will take over from Editor Jayne Harrison in responding to feedback on our reviews in The Cochrane Library.
- **EQUATOR.** The EQUATOR Workshop and 2nd Annual Lecture by Dr Richard Horton, Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet* will take place on 9 Sept, prior to the Peer Review Congress in Vancouver (10-12 Sept). The EQUATOR Network is an international initiative that seeks to improve reliability of medical research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting of research studies. See [www.equator-network.org](http://www.equator-network.org) for further information.

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## Cochrane news

- **Registration now open for Singapore Colloquium.** The 2009 Cochrane Colloquium in Singapore on 11 to 14 October is now open for registration. This is the first time the Colloquium will be held in Asia, a region that has seen rapid growth in Cochrane activity in recent years. It thus provides an ideal opportunity to bring an Asian perspective to the Cochrane Collaboration, to explore topics of importance to the region, and to understand the health impacts of global trends and their implications for the work of the Collaboration. For further information or to register please go to [www.colloquium09.com/index.shtml](http://www.colloquium09.com/index.shtml).
- **New e-learning materials to be released in May 2009.** The Cochrane Collaboration, in conjunction with the University of Portsmouth, have developed a comprehensive set of online learning materials consisting of presentations, videos and quizzes covering major aspects of conducting Cochrane reviews. It is expected that it will be made available for registered Cochrane authors – hopefully as early as May. After some hands-on experience, we at the OHG Editorial Base feel that these excellent and interactive materials will prove a great learning tool for not only new, but existing authors also.
- **Cochrane Collaboration Strategic Review.** The Recommendations Report for the Strategic Review of The Cochrane Collaboration is now complete. The report identified 26 recommendations intended to strengthen the Collaboration in the short, medium and long term, ensuring its ongoing success. To read more please go to <http://ccreview.wikispaces.com/Final+Report+and+Background+Documents>.

### RevMan 5 tips for authors

- When starting a new paragraph pressing **Shift-Enter** adds less of a gap than **Enter** alone.
- You can run a **report** on your review to pick up any problems by **File>Reports>Validation Report**.
- **Reminder:** Please keep in mind there have been a few changes in terminology with RevMan5. These include using the term Risk Ratio instead of relative risk and review authors instead of reviewers. See the Cochrane Style Guide for more information:

[www.cochrane.org/style/csg.htm](http://www.cochrane.org/style/csg.htm).

## Is your review out of date?

Cochrane reviews are considered out-of-date if they were published over two years ago. It is vital that reviews are kept up-to-date so that they can be utilised with confidence by end users. However, it may be that updating your review does not require as much work as you think. An update involves re-running the search strategy to identify any new studies and including any new findings into the results and discussion sections. If no new studies are identified for inclusion, the review can be updated very easily. We can provide you with support in the form of: finding new co-authors to assist you; updating/re-running your searches; obtaining new studies; translating new studies; help and advice with RevMan 5 and Archie; and uninterrupted time away from your busy work environment to concentrate on completing your update. If your review has not been updated in the last two years, please contact the editorial base.

## 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>June</b>   | 1-2: <a href="#">Evidence based medicine symposium, Busaiteen, Bahrain</a><br>4-5: <a href="#">Stakeholder summit - Using quality systematic reviews to inform evidence-based guidelines, Baltimore, USA</a><br>8-19: <a href="#">Systematic review course, Montreal, Canada</a><br>9: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Edinburgh, Scotland</a><br>10: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Edinburgh, Scotland</a><br>18-19: <a href="#">Systematic reviews of diagnostic test accuracy workshop, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</a><br>25: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Sydney, Australia</a><br>26: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Sydney, Australia</a> |
| <b>July</b>   | 6-8: <a href="#">Statistical methods for diagnostic test accuracy reviews, Birmingham, UK</a><br>20: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Perth, Australia</a><br>21: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Perth, Australia</a><br>21: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK</a><br>22: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK</a><br>22-24: <a href="#">Review completion &amp; update programme, Perth, Australia</a><br>22-24: <a href="#">Completing a systematic review, Baltimore, USA</a>   |
| <b>August</b> | 25: <a href="#">Developing a protocol for a review, Adelaide, Australia</a><br>26: <a href="#">Introduction to analysis, Adelaide, Australia</a><br>27: <a href="#">Review completion &amp; update programme, Adelaide, Australia</a>   |

### 2009 Conference dates!

- 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
- American Academy of Periodontology, Boston, USA, 12-15 Sept
- British Orthodontic Conference Edinburgh, UK, 13-15 Sept
- American Dental Association, Hawaii, USA, 30 Sept-4 Oct