



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).

Out of date reviews

Please note the OHG reserves the right to reassign any title, protocol or review to a new review team should the next stage not be delivered in a timely fashion. Our recommended timescales are as follows: title to protocol = 6-9 months; protocol to review = 18 months from publication date of protocol; reviews should be updated every 2 years.

Review teams should contact the editorial base to negotiate/re-arrange submission dates if they foresee that they will not be able to deliver on time.

New titles registered with OHG

- Interventions for the maintenance of the dentition in patients treated for periodontal disease
- Chlorhexidine mouthrinse for the control of dental plaque and gingivitis in adults
- Oral hygiene for institutionalised patients to prevent community-acquired pneumonia

What's new in The Cochrane Library? Issue 3, 2009:-

Reviews Updates

- Interventions for replacing missing teeth: 1- versus 2-stage implant placement [new search, conclusions not changed]
- Antibiotic use for irreversible pulpitis [new search, conclusions not changed]

New Reviews

- Antibacterial agents in composite restorations for the prevention of dental caries
- Magnification devices for endodontic therapy

New Protocols

- Chlorhexidine interventions for the prevention of caries in adults
- Interventions for treating oral haemangiomas in adults
- Orthognathic surgery for surgical correction of patients with mandibular deficiency
- Fluoride toothpastes of different concentrations for preventing dental caries in children and adolescents
- Initial arch wires for alignment of crooked teeth with fixed orthodontic braces

You will find all of the above reviews at 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>
Issue 4, 09	3 August	12 August	7 October
Issue 1, 10	2 November	11 November	20 January

OHG welcomes new Research Fellow

We are delighted to introduce Sue Furness who has recently joined the editorial team to provide methodological support. She is from Auckland, New Zealand, where she has worked with the Menstrual Disorders and Subfertility Group initially as a Trials Search Co-ordinator for four years and then part time as a systematic reviewer. Sue and her husband have come to Manchester to work for three years and they plan to see as much as possible of Britain and Europe in their spare time.

See you at the Colloquium?

We would be interested to hear if any of our members will be attending the annual Colloquium in Singapore 11-14 October. Please do let us know and we will look forward to meeting with anyone planning to attend.

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OHG News

- **RAE results & OHG.** The Editorial Base of the OHG is accommodated by the School of Dentistry at the University of Manchester. The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008 results placed the School 1st in the UK in terms of the quality of its academic research – an achievement we are proud to have been part of.
- **OHG review amongst Cochrane's finest.** The OHG review 'Interventions for preventing oral mucositis for patients with cancer receiving treatment' was ranked 41st out of around 3500 completed reviews in 2008. Ranking was by the number of 2008 full text downloads (i.e. views of the full Cochrane review), on the Wiley InterScience platform.
- **Congratulations!** OHG joint Co-ordinating Editor, Jan Clarkson, who is based at the Dental Health Services Research Unit in Dundee, has been awarded a promotion to a personal chair at Dundee from 4 July. This is fantastic news for Jan and we are delighted for her and thank her for all her support and hard work.

RevMan 5 & Archie tips for authors

- If your computer (or RevMan) crashes while you are working on a review, you will be given the option to open the latest backup of the review the next time you open RevMan.
- We recommend that you check reviews back in to Archie at the end of every editing session, but there may be situations where this is impossible or unnecessary; for example, you may be unable to access the Internet while you are working on a review, or you may be certain that no one else will need to access the review for some time. In such cases, saving your RevMan files to your computer is an option.
- We recommend that all authors complete the RM5 tutorial (the option is given on opening RM5).

Cochrane News

- **New online learning resources!** We are pleased to announce that the new interactive Online Learning Resources for Undertaking a Systematic Review that have been developed by the UK Cochrane Centre and the University of Portsmouth are now available for authors who have a registered title for a Cochrane review, an active record in Archie and are based in the UK and Ireland. Following this initial roll out of the new resource, we hope to make it available to non-UK based. The reasons for this staggered procedure relate to licensing of the underlying software and the provision of support to users outside the UK. If any UK-based authors wish to take advantage of these resources, please go to www.cochrane.ac.uk and click on 'Online Learning Resources' in the middle of the page. The following modules are now available: 1) Systematic reviews introduction; 2) Meta-analysis introduction; 3) Heterogeneity introduction; 4) Searching for studies; 5) Collecting data. The module 'Writing a protocol' is coming soon. Enjoy!
- **Impact factor rises!** The 2008 impact factors have now been published by Thomson ISI. The *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* has an **IMPACT FACTOR OF 5.182** and is ranked **12th out of 107 in the ISI category Medicine, General & Internal**. The 2007 IF was 4.654 and the ranking was 14th out of 100.
- **Cochrane Library usage.** This year, the usage report includes usage on Cochrane.org, OVID, EBSCO, La Bibliotheca Cochrane and BIREME VHL. The findings show that in 2008 there was: A SEARCH of The Cochrane Library every 2 seconds; An ABSTRACT View every 3 seconds; A FULL TEXT Download every 4 seconds.
- **Cochrane Opportunities Fund.** The winners of this annual competition for funding are: 1) A Course for Cochrane Statisticians: Addressing Advances in Meta Analytical Techniques; 2) Cochrane Training: Developing a Core Collection of Approved Training and Support Materials; 3) Evaluation of The Cochrane Collaboration's Risk of Bias Tool. We look forward to the results of these projects with interest.

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.

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| September | 3: Developing a protocol for a review, Cardiff, Wales
14: Developing a Cochrane review, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
22: Developing a protocol for a review, York, UK
23: Introduction to analysis, York, UK
24-26: 21st workshop on systematic reviews, Freiburg, Germany |
| October | 11-14: 17th Cochrane Colloquium, Singapore |
| November | 3: Developing a protocol for a review, Belfast, N Ireland
5: Introduction to analysis, Belfast, N Ireland
16-20: Review completion & update programme, Melbourne, Australia
17: Developing a Cochrane review, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
17-18: Developing a protocol for a review, Oxford, UK
19: Introduction to analysis, Oxford, UK
27: Introduction to literature searching, Freiburg, Germany
To be confirmed: Annual Dutch Cochrane Contributors meeting |

2010 Conference dates!

- AADR/CADR Annual Meeting, Washington, USA, 3-6 Mar
- 4th International Meeting on Methodological Issues in Oral Health, Istanbul, Turkey, 21-23 Apr
- Society for Clinical Trials, Baltimore, USA, 16-19 May
- British Dental Association, Liverpool, UK, 20-22 May
- IADR General Session, Barcelona, Spain, 14-17 Jul
- Association for Dental Education in Europe, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 25-28 Aug
- European Assoc of Dental Public Health, Constanta, Romania, 9-11 Sept
- American Dental Association, Orlando, USA, 9-12 Oct