



# 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.



## New titles registered with OHG

- Laser therapy for dentinal hypersensitivity
- Interdental brushes for the prevention of periodontal disease and dental caries
- Gingival retraction for fixed prosthodontic treatment
- Pulpotomy for treating irreversible pulpitis in mature permanent teeth

## What's new in *The Cochrane Library*? Issues 11 & 12, 2010 & 1, 2011:-

### Updated Reviews

- Screening programmes for the early detection & prevention of oral cancer [no change to conclusions]
- Domestic violence screening and intervention programmes for adults with dental or facial injury [no change to conclusions]
- Interventions for preventing oral mucositis for patients with cancer receiving treatment [conclusions changed]

### New Reviews

- Interventions for the treatment of oral cavity and oropharyngeal cancer: radiotherapy
- Different powered toothbrushes for plaque control and gingival health

### New Protocols

- Flossing for the prevention of periodontal disease and dental caries
- Interventions for myogenous temporomandibular disorder (TMD) patients
- Pre-surgical orthopaedics for infants with complete cleft lip and palate
- Dental extractions prior to radiotherapy to the jaws for reducing post-radiotherapy dental complications
- Interventions for the management of dry mouth: non-systemic therapies
- Irrigants for non-surgical root canal treatment in mature permanent teeth

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

**OHG progress:** Total published reviews: 114  
Total published protocols: 77

## Editorial base support

We are delighted to announce that our Managing Editor, Luisa Fernandez, has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Thomas Eduardo (pictured). The OHG's Assistant Managing Editor, Philip Riley, will also cover Luisa's role during her maternity leave. Due to overstretched resources some review authors may experience delays on occasions but we will do our utmost to keep this to a minimum. We appreciate your patience during this time.



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## Cochrane News

- UK & Ireland Annual meeting 2011.** The 16th Annual Meeting of UK and Ireland-based contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration will take place in Belfast, Northern Ireland on the 15th and 16th of March 2011. Registration is now open at <http://ukcc.cochrane.org/>.
- Cochrane audits.** The Cochrane Collaboration are currently performing an audit to assess the quality of summary of findings tables, abstracts and plain language summaries of Cochrane Reviews. The audit will be restricted to new reviews only and will focus on reporting rather than conduct. This is one of many activities going on as part of the ongoing process of improving Cochrane reviews.
- OHG Editors meeting.** The OHG are holding a 2-day meeting on the 1st and 2nd of March 2011. This will be a chance to update our whole editorial team on the latest issues relating to Cochrane reviews and plan ways to improve our methods and service. We would be interested to hear from people whether there are areas we could improve on and also regarding things we are doing well.
- Cochrane Incentive Scheme.** Recently Cochrane Review Groups were invited to nominate up to three reviews or review updates that they considered important and for which they considered the award of an incentive payment would lead to completion of work at a significantly earlier time. We are very happy to report that 2 OHG reviews were selected for the scheme: 1) Interventions for the treatment of oral and oropharyngeal cancers: surgical treatment (update); and 2) Interventions for the management of dry mouth: non-systemic therapies (new review). This means that you can expect to read the completed reviews later this year.
- Annual Cochrane Colloquium 2011.** The Cochrane Collaboration holds annual conferences, known as 'Colloquia', which are open to everyone. Colloquia are designed to bring people together in one place to discuss, develop and promote our work, and to shape the organisation's future direction. This year the Colloquium will be held on the 19th to 22nd of October in Madrid, Spain. The website for registration is coming soon – keep an eye on the main Cochrane website ([www.cochrane.org](http://www.cochrane.org)) for details. The 2012 Colloquium will be held in Nanning, China and the 2013 event will be in Vancouver, Canada.
- Cochrane Canada Live webinars.**  
 Event: Join us for our next edition of Cochrane Canada Live webinars!  
 Date: January 26, February 28, March 22, 12 noon Ottawa local time. Worldwide participation is welcome!  
 Location: Participants attend virtually via computer and speakers. A microphone is optional.  
 Details: Jan 26 - What makes research with human subjects ethical? Dr. Carla Saenz, PAHO/WHO. Feb 28 - Methodology Clinic #2 Stats help for Cochrane authors, Dr. Joseph Beyene, Cochrane Statistical Methods Group. March 22 - Mapping it out with logic models, Erin Ueffing, Campbell and Cochrane Equity Methods Group. Contact: Adrienne Stevens, Canadian Cochrane Centre  
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 Website: <http://ccc.cochrane.org/cochrane-canada-live-webinars>

### “Did you know.....”

The Cochrane Collaboration is encouraging review authors to use the headings that are included in the RevMan 5 software.

For a **Protocol** please 'turn on' and use the subheadings in:

- Background,
- Search Methods and
- Data Collection and Analysis

For a **Review** please use:

- Description of Studies
- Risk of Bias
- Discussion

To turn on the subheadings:

Expand the menu under Main Text on the left of the screen, and click in the box next to each heading

## 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 <http://www.cochrane.org/events/w-shops/all> for further details on how to attend.

<b>March</b>	15-16	<a href="#">16th Annual meeting of UK and Ireland-based contributors to The Cochrane Collaboration, Belfast, Northern Ireland</a>
	22	<a href="#">Beginning a systematic review protocol, Bristol, UK</a>
	23	<a href="#">The methods section of the protocol, Bristol, UK</a>
<b>April</b>	7-9	<a href="#">Systematic reviews in medicine, Freiburg, Germany</a>
	8-9	<a href="#">GRADE workshops – Grading evidence and recommendations (both basic and advanced levels offered), Freiburg, Germany</a>
	11-12	<a href="#">Systematic literature searching, Freiburg, Germany</a>
	12	<a href="#">Analysis for systematic reviews, Oxford, UK</a>
<b>May</b>	13	<a href="#">Advanced topics in the analysis and reporting of systematic reviews, Oxford, UK</a>
	2-6	<a href="#">Review completion workshop, Melbourne, Australia</a>
	24	<a href="#">Beginning a systematic review protocol, Oxford, UK</a>
	25	<a href="#">The methods section of the protocol, Oxford, UK</a>

Online course by the US Cochrane Center - Understanding evidence-based healthcare: A foundation for action

### 2011 Conference dates!

- American Dental Education Association, San Diego, USA, 12-16 Mar
- IADR/AADR/CADR, San Diego, USA, 16-19 Mar
- Australian Dental Association Congress, Brisbane, Australia, 30 Mar-3 Apr
- Society for Clinical Trials, Vancouver, Canada, 15-18 May
- British Dental Association, Manchester, UK, 19-21 May
- Association for Dental Education in Europe, Antalya, Turkey, 7-10 Sept
- American Dental Association, Las Vegas, USA, 10-13 Oct