

## Editorial: Are there any controlled trials in dentistry?

The answer is an emphatic yes!

The Oral Health Group's Specialised Register of Trials now has 6,800 references to controlled trials in oral health care and thanks to the painstaking work of Sylvia Bickley and her team of hand-searchers, this total is increasing everyday. This is undoubtedly the best starting point for anyone undertaking a systematic review, providing more than double the yield of Medline (see page 3).

Of course, as Joanna Zakrzewska points out on page 2, the review may simply highlight shortcomings in current evidence and underline the need for large collaborative trials. Indeed in Europe, completion of a review is commonly a precondition for the award of a major research grant in Health Services Research.

As well as the satisfaction described by Joanna, career researchers in the UK have the added bonus of knowing that their Cochrane systematic review will be listed among the quality criteria for the HEFCE Research Assessment Exercise.

The appointment of Anne Marie Glenny increases considerably the editorial group's ability to support first time reviewers. Remember too that we can provide model applications for those applying for grants to fund reviews.

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## Progress of the Oral Health Group

With the release of Issue 3, July 1999, there will be 2 full reviews and 4 protocols on The Cochrane Library. A full list of reviews/protocols and titles registered has been placed on the last page of this newsletter. The OHG is making steady progress and there have been a number of new titles registered with the Group.

## Would you be interested in contributing?

We are constantly looking for new members to contribute to the group and are currently looking for reviewers to collaborate on the following subject areas:



- Chlorhexidine for the treatment of various conditions (Multi-part review)
- Pain control for orofacial treatments/conditions (Multi-part review)

If you or someone else you know would be interested in undertaking a review, please contact Emma Tavender at the editorial base. Alternatively, if you wish to become an Oral Health Group member, [click here for a registration form](#)

There are several ways in which you can contribute to the work of the Cochrane Oral Health Group:

- Prepare a systematic review
- Register as a peer reviewer

Deadlines dates for receipt of completed reviews/protocols for publication in the next issue of The Cochrane Library:

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July '99
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October '99

## Some reflections (not systematic) on the completion of a Cochrane Review.

(Dr Joanna Zakrzewska)

I have just completed with others a systematic review on interventions used in lichen planus and found it to be a very educational experience. When we began the process 18 months ago I did not fully appreciate the meaning of the word systematic and the rigor with which the reviews are carried out. Perhaps it was just as well as I may have thought it too daunting and not embarked on it. Now having emerged at the other end and gained a fuller understanding of the process I am glad I went through with it.



What has struck me most in doing this piece of secondary research is the international collaborative spirit that permeates this group. Everyone is here to help each other and to share experiences. If help was needed an Email went round the world and inevitably somebody came up with the solution. In this way we got a French article translated for our review whereas I helped the Schizophrenia Group with a Polish translation. When we decided to approach pharmaceutical companies for trials on lichen planus we soon found another group had a template letter that we could easily adapt for our purpose. As it was sent out as part of the Cochrane Collaboration, companies were ready to help and one sent us not only a Japanese paper but also a full translation. The team in Manchester is extremely supportive and responds rapidly to all requests.

The experience has been so positive that we have all decided to do another review. We have co-opted another reviewer in the hope that this will also increase the pool of reviewers and make the work less onerous. This experience has made me a more critical reviewer of my own work as well as the work of others. Gone are the days of reading the discussion section of papers first. Nowadays this is often not read, as the methodology is too weak. It has also convinced me of the need for large collaborative randomised controlled trials if we are to practice on evidence based principals. Is our treatment of lichen planus, the commonest condition in oral medicine clinics, really based on 9 RCTs involving a mere 192 patients!

My grateful thanks to all in the team without whose support this review would not have seen the light of day nor would I have gained the experience that is going to prove to be of immense value in my future research activity.

(Interventions for treating oral lichen planus. Chan ES-Y, Thornhill M, Zakrzewska J)

## New Editor

We would like to welcome Dr Jan Clarkson to the Cochrane Oral Health Group as one of the Group's editors. Jan is also the contact reviewer for an Oral Health Group protocol (Oral care for patients with cancer treated with chemotherapy) which is published in The Cochrane Library and is willing to give methodological support to reviewers.

## Lecturer in EBOHC

I have recently been appointed as Lecturer in Evidence Based Oral Health Care, based within the University Dental Hospital of Manchester. Prior to this, I worked as a research fellow at the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD), University of York. Whilst at CRD I undertook several systematic reviews of effectiveness, contributed to the database of abstracts of reviews of effectiveness (DARE) and gained an interest in the development of review methodology.

Although not funded by Cochrane, I hope that my current post will enable me to become actively involved in the work of the Cochrane Oral Health Group. If you feel I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me via the Cochrane editorial base. I look forward to hearing from you.

Anne-Marie Glenny

# The OHG's Specialised Register of Trials:

## An increasingly valuable resource for reviewers



The register is expanded as new material is identified and processed.

The Cochrane Oral Health Group's Specialised Register of Trials is an electronic database of clinical trials which may be of interest to reviewers undertaking Cochrane Systematic Reviews related to oral health.

Essentially the register is a database of Randomised Controlled Clinical Trials (RCTs) and Controlled Clinical Trials (CCTs) and associated material such as published correspondence; conference proceedings; research abstracts etc. As the register develops it is anticipated that details of unpublished trials will increasingly be included.

Currently containing 6,700 records, the register is continually being expanded as new material is being identified and processed. The foundation for the register's on-going development is the Cochrane Collaboration's parent database – the Cochrane Controlled Trials Register and CENTRAL – contained within the Cochrane Library (an electronic library updated quarterly). Another major source of material is that obtained from the Oral Health Group's programme of handsearching journals to identify relevant trials that do not get picked up by electronic searches due to lack of detail in titles and abstracts.

The register is maintained and managed by the Oral Health Group's editorial base at the University of Manchester where staff will be pleased to assist Cochrane reviewers or potential reviewers in carrying out searches of the database.

Please contact our Trials Search Co-ordinator at the editorial base if you would like a search run on the OHG specialised register. We're here to help you.

## Salute to handsearchers

The OHG's journal handsearchers have made a tremendous impact on the development of the specialised register over the past year.

Since our handsearch programme began in spring of last year, 20 Journals have been entered into the search programme and from these 251 journal years have been searched, producing a huge amount of new material for the register. Taking a section of the period covered (166 journal years) we were able to identify those trials which had not already been picked up through the Cochrane electronic search. This revealed that around 58% of the trials identified by the handsearchers had not been picked up electronically. This surely emphasises the valuable part handsearchers play in the collaborative team. The OHG is indeed most fortunate to have a small but most enthusiastic dedicated handsearch team, five of whom may take great credit for searching just under 200 of the 251 journal years searched. This sterling effort is supplemented by others who have contributed to the handsearch programme over the past year. We salute you all!

Could you join the handsearch team ?

- Every little helps – whatever time you can spare
- Perhaps you could search a journal you regularly read?
- If you feel you can help please contact Sylvia Bickley, our Trials Search Co-ordinator, at the editorial base.

Nearly 200 Journal years searched collectively by:

Margaret Jepson  
Donald Macfarlane  
Mary Cunningham  
Mary Sanderson  
Shelagh Flett



## Meetings & Conferences

6<sup>th</sup> International Cochrane Colloquium Baltimore, USA  
22-26<sup>th</sup> October 1998



The 6<sup>th</sup> International Cochrane Colloquium was held in Baltimore, USA from the 22-26 October 1998. Emma Tavender (Review Group Co-ordinator) and Sylvia Bickley (Trials Search Co-ordinator) were present to represent the editorial team. The theme of the conference was ‘Systematic Reviews: Evidence for Action?’ and was attended by over 700 participants from 30 countries!

A very successful Oral Health Group meeting was held on the Saturday to discuss specific oral health issues and to increase the participation of American members.

1999 IADR/AADR/CADR Symposium Vancouver, Canada 10-13<sup>th</sup> March 1999

Two events were organised at the 1999 IADR Symposium that were of specific interest to the Oral Health Group:

The first was an afternoon symposium titled ‘How to conduct Evidence Based Dentistry: The International Cochrane Collaboration’ with Helen Worthington presenting three out of the five sessions.

The second was a lunchtime meeting ‘Evidence Based Dentistry International Collaborative Group’, which aimed to promote collaboration among dental educators, researchers and practitioners who were interested in the field of EBD. The feedback from both events was very positive and was valuable in increasing a wider international awareness of The Cochrane Collaboration and Evidence Based Dentistry.

Following this meeting there have been several requests for further information and an increase in the number of OHG members willing to participate in systematic reviews.

BSOM Annual Meeting Liverpool

13-14<sup>th</sup> May 1999

The OHG recently participated in a half-day symposium on Evidence Based Medicine and Dentistry at the the British Society of Oral Medicine's (BSOM) Annual meeting in Liverpool. It included presentations on The Cochrane Collaboration, the Cochrane Oral Health Group and the recently published 'Interventions for treating oral lichen planus' systematic review.

Other Cochrane groups contributed to the symposium including Dr Katherine Cheng (Cystic Fibrosis) who gave a presentation on publication bias and Dr Paul Garner (Infectious Diseases) on 'Tropical medicine on trial: good evidence, or guilty of guesswork?'

7<sup>th</sup> International Cochrane Colloquium Roma

5-9<sup>th</sup> October 1999

This year's Cochrane Colloquium will be held at the Università S.Tommaso D'Aquino, Roma, Italy from 5-9<sup>th</sup> October 1999. The theme of the colloquium will be 'The best evidence for health care: the role of the Cochrane Collaboration'.

#### Objectives of the Colloquium:

- To introduce the Cochrane Collaboration, its achievements and its plan to all those interested in using the best available evidence for the planning and delivery of health care.
- To provide an opportunity for those producing systematic reviews to meet and make progress in their work.
- To discuss potential alliances among consumers, policy makers, administrators, clinical researchers and industry in the health care arena.
- To create a forum for discussion of barriers to the production of evidence relevant to patient care and to its implementation.

Further details on the colloquium, including information on registering, can be found at the following web address: <http://www.areas.it/Roma99/>

An informal Oral Health Group meeting will be organised during the Colloquium. It is an open meeting and we would like to invite all those who have a general interest in the group as well as those registered members. If you would like to suggest any agenda items for the meeting, please contact Emma Tavender at the editorial base.

#### FUTURE COCHRANE COLLOQUIA

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cochrane Colloquium will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2000.

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cochrane Colloquium will be held in Lyon, France in 2001.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for UK Contributors to the Cochrane Collaboration

St Catherine's College, Oxford

22-23<sup>rd</sup> March 1999

This year's UK Contributors Meeting was held at St Catherine's College, Oxford from 22-23<sup>rd</sup> March.

The meeting provides an opportunity for those actively involved with the Cochrane Collaboration, and who are based in the UK, to get together to learn, discuss, debate and network. The focus of the presentations and workshops were both on the basics for newcomers and firmly on the Collaboration's initiatives and progress to raise the quality of reviews.

The Cochrane Oral Health Group annually organises informal group meetings during the conference to discuss issues of specific importance to UK based OHG reviewers and encourage individuals who have an interest in the group to contribute.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for UK Contributors will be held at St Catherine's College from 7-8<sup>th</sup> April 2000. If you are interested in attending the Oral Health Group meeting or would like to suggest any agenda items, please contact Emma Tavender at the editorial base.

#### Future Dates

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for UK Contributors: Monday 26 and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2001

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for UK Contributors: Friday 12 and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2002

#### Oral Health Group Videoconference

Helen Worthington, Co-ordinating Editor OHG, recently gave a video conference presentation to a group of Bristol based Vocational Dental Practitioners (VDPs) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

The aims of the presentation were to give a brief introduction to the work of the Cochrane Collaboration, inform the VDPs of the current systematic reviews that are being carried out by the OHG and encourage them to participate in future systematic reviews.

#### Evidence-Based Dentistry Symposium

The School of Oriental and African Studies, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1999

A symposium on Evidence-Based Dentistry will be held at The School of Oriental and African Studies, Russell Square, London on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1999. The format of the meeting and the list of speakers have not yet been finalised but Helen Worthington and Jan Clarkson have agreed to speak at the symposium on behalf of The Cochrane Oral Health Group.

The aims of the symposium are:

- To bring together those working within the field of evidence-based dentistry and clinical effectiveness in dentistry in order understand the range and depth of activity in the UK and abroad.

- To promote and develop EBD and to assist the development of a co-ordinated approach and collaborative working in the UK.
- To consider strategies and foster links to aid teaching, research and dissemination of the evidence-based approach in dentistry in the UK.

Further details will be posted on the Centre for Evidence-Based Dentistry website:- <http://www.ihs.ox.ac.uk/cebd/>

## Collaboration News!!

### New Cochrane Principle

At the annual colloquium in Baltimore it was agreed that the Cochrane Collaboration should adopt a new principle:

Continuity, by ensuring that responsibility for reviews, editorial processes and key functions is maintained and renewed.

The Collaboration is now built on 9 principles:

- collaboration
- building on the enthusiasm of individuals
- avoiding duplication
- minimising bias
- keeping up to date
- ensuring relevance
- ensuring access
- continually improving the quality of its work
- continuity

### Cochrane reviews, the BMJ and the Lancet

In the British Medical Journal (Jan 16), Richard Smith, the Editor, has made the journal's policy with regard to publishing Cochrane reviews crystal clear: "...the BMJ has agreed that it will publish versions of such systematic reviews despite their already being available in The Cochrane Library". The full text of the editorial can be viewed at : <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/318/7177/142>

In the Lancet (Jan 16), Richard Horton, the Editor, writes "we welcome systematic reviews and meta-analyses that are novel, robust, and clinical, and we will publish research papers as well as more traditional narrative reviews." The full text of the editorial can be viewed by subscribers at:



<http://www.the.lancet.com/newlancet/sub/issues/vol353no9148/commentary164.html>

Iain Chalmers

The Cochrane Oral Health Group is making it part of their policy to send the abstracts of all completed Cochrane systematic reviews to the British Dental Journal, Journal of American Dental Association and any other specialist dental journals who might have a specific interest in the topic area, for publication. The group is happy to support reviewers who might wish to seek co-publication in peer-reviewed medical journals.

## Cochrane Websites

The Cochrane Collaboration website is available at the following locations which offer identical, detailed information about the world-wide Collaboration.

Australia: <http://www.cochrane.org.au>

Canada: <http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/cochrane>

Germany: <http://www.cochrane.de> Includes Cochrane information for German speakers

Japan: <http://www.nihs.go.jp/acc/default.html>

See also JANCOC (<http://www.cph.mri.tmd.ac.jp/jancoc/homepage.html>) for Cochrane information in Japanese.

Denmark: <http://www.cochrane.dk/default.html>

Spain: <http://www.cochrane.es> With links to El Centro Cochrane Español and information in Spanish and several other languages.

UK: <http://www.update-software.com/ccweb/default.html>

USA: <http://www.cochrane.org>

## Cochrane Handbook

The Cochrane Collaboration Handbook is now available on the web courtesy of Synapse Publishing. It contains information on how to conduct a Cochrane systematic review and can be found at:

<http://www.medlib.com/cochranehandbook>

## CCInfo

CCInfo is the main email list for the Cochrane Collaboration. It enables members to keep informed about the activities and policies of the Collaboration. The volume is low and all items are checked before being sent to subscribers.

To subscribe, send an email (no subject) to: [lisproc@fhs.mcmaster.ca](mailto:lisproc@fhs.mcmaster.ca)

In the body of the email type:   Subscribe ccinfo <firstname><lastname>

Subscription is free and you will receive confirmation that you have joined the list

## Software/Tools

The Cochrane Library

Issue 3, 1999 of The Cochrane Library (CLIB) will be available in July. CLIB is available on floppy disc, CD-ROM or via the Internet and is updated 4 times a year.

For further information contact:

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<http://www.cochrane.co.uk>

## Criticism Management System

A new Criticism Management System included in the recent release of The Cochrane Library (1999 Issue 1) is designed to make it more efficient for readers to send in criticism and for criticism editors to respond to it.

The major changes include:

- A simplified interface contains a field to enter contact information, a field to enter the criticism, and a conflict of interest statement.
- The abolition of the former ComCrit web site. Instead the criticism itself
- Criticism Editors are now responsible for sending a "thank you" email response to the author of the criticism that includes a summary of the criticism.is mailed directly to the Criticism Editor.

The establishment of a "Current Comments and Criticisms" web page: <http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/currcrit.htm>

It will be used to post incoming comments and criticisms to the public, much like the "Letters to the Editor" section in a journal. Criticism Editors will be responsible for sending their summaries of criticisms to the San Francisco Cochrane Center for posting on the "Current Comments and Criticisms" web page. This will be done by simply "cc"ing the SFCC ([sfcc@sirius.com](mailto:sfcc@sirius.com)) into the "Thank You" email sent to the author of the criticism.

Further information can be received from Melissa Ober ([mober@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:mober@itsa.ucsf.edu))

Melissa Ober, San Francisco Cochrane Center

## Training materials for The Cochrane Library

Training materials for the Cochrane Library are now available to download free of charge from the UK NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination web site: [www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/cochlib.htm](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/cochlib.htm)

The materials are updated for every new version of The Cochrane Library and include a self-teaching guide which was developed by Ian McKinnell and Jim Elliott in Cambridge. There are also shorter guides and teaching materials for those who are conducting training sessions on the Cochrane Library.

## RevMan

A new version of RevMan 4.0, the Cochrane Collaboration's program for preparing and maintaining systematic reviews is to be released on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1999. After this date all reviews will have to be prepared in the new format. Reviewers using RevMan 3.0 or 3.1 will be able to import their reviews/protocols directly into RevMan 4.0. We will be contacting all reviewers in July to offer support in using this new software.

Improvements to the software include:

- The main window displays reviews in a tree structure. This enables the reviewer to open any section of the review by navigating around the tree structure.
- New sections include: a synopsis and a section to describe the contributions of each reviewer
- References will be entered and stored in a structured format
- A spell checker, a word counter, the ability to detect differences between two reviews and an improved help system has been added
- The reviewer can specify the statistical method and graphical settings they want the reader to see when they look at their review on The Cochrane Library.

## Important Note !

In order for RevMan 4.0 to perform many of the functions now required of it, the software has had to be prepared as a "32-bit" program. This means that it will only work on computers which run Windows 95, 98 or NT and NOT work with other systems such as Windows 3.1. If you feel that you will not be able to use RevMan 4.0 please contact Emma at the editorial base.

## COCHRANE TRAINING WORKSHOPS 1999-2000

Training workshops are periodically organised by a number of Cochrane Centres. These are usually concerned with two main topics: assisting new reviewers in developing a Cochrane Protocol and guiding and instructing reviewers on how to enter and edit their reviews in RevMan, the Cochrane review manager software.

The Dutch Cochrane Centre is responsible for training for people living in The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria and the German speaking part of Switzerland. Information on workshops for members in North America can be obtained from one of the three US Cochrane Centers (San Antonio, San Francisco or New England).

<b>Australasian Cochrane Centre</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
22-23 July 1999	Sydney	Preparing a protocol Using RevMan Advanced Review Workshop
<b>Canadian Cochrane Centre</b>		
19 Nov 1999	McMaster University	Symposium: The impact of the Cochrane Collaboration: Past, Present, and Future
<b>Dutch Cochrane Centre</b>		
26 Aug 99	Dutch Cochrane Centre	Developing a systematic review
11 Nov 99	Dutch Cochrane Centre	Developing a systematic review
17-19 Jan 2000	Dutch Cochrane Centre	3 day course: Evidence Based Medicine in Clinical Practice
9 Mar 2000	Dutch Cochrane Centre	Developing a systematic review
8 Jun 2000	Dutch Cochrane Centre	Developing a systematic review
<b>Nordic Cochrane Centre</b>		
6 Sept 99	Copenhagen	Protocol workshop
7 Sept 99	Copenhagen	RevMan workshop

8 Sept 99	Copenhagen	Handsearching workshop
San Antonio Cochrane Center		
15-17 Sept 99	San Antonio, Texas	Systematic Reviews Workshop
South African Cochrane Center		
Aug 99	Cape Town, Durban, Pretoria and Bloemfontein	Protocol and RevMan workshops (details still to be finalised)
Spanish Cochrane Centre		
4-5 Nov 99	Sabadell	Doing Cochrane Systematic Reviews
UK Cochrane Centre		
16 Sept 99	Oxford	Developing a protocol for a review
17 Sept 99	Oxford	Getting a review into RevMan
6 Dec 99	Liverpool	Developing a protocol for a review
7 Dec 99	Liverpool	Getting a review into RevMan
Institute of Child Health Contact Leanne Jones:srtu@ich.ucl.ac.uk  Further information at <a href="http://www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/srtu">http://www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/srtu</a>		
Oct 99-Sept 2000	Institute of Child Health, London UK	Full year course:2.5 days/week Systematic Review Training

## Cochrane Centres World-Wide

Cochrane Centres are established in the following countries:

Australia; USA - San Antonio – Boston – San Francisco; France; United Kingdom; Canada; The Netherlands; Italy; Denmark; Brazil; Germany; South Africa; Spain; China

## Cochrane Oral Health Group Details

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SCOPE The Cochrane Oral Health Group will include all Randomised and Controlled Clinical Trials of oral health broadly conceived to include the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of oral, dental, and craniofacial diseases and disorders.

### Completed reviews

- Orthodontic treatments for posterior crossbites – Harrison J, Ashby D
- Interventions for treating oral lichen planus (OLP) - Chan E, Thornhill M, Zakrzewska J

### Registered Protocols

- Guided tissue regeneration for periodontal infra-bony defects – Needleman I, Giedrys-Leeper E, Tucker R
- Oral care for patients with cancer treated with chemotherapy (excluding head & neck cancer) – Clarkson J, Worthington HV, Eden O, Sloan P
- Topical fluoride for preventing dental caries in children and adolescents – Marinho V, Sheiham A, Logan S, Higgins JPT
- Potassium nitrate toothpaste for dentin hypersensitivity – Hovgaard O, Poulsen S, Errboe M
- Sealants for caries prevention – Ahuruo-Saloranta A, Hiiri A, Nordblad A, Mákelá H, Murtomaa H

### Registered Protocols out with referees

- Comparison of F-varnishes and sealants in caries prevention – Ahuruo-Saloranta A, Hiiri A, Nordblad A, Mákelá H, Murtomaa H

- Osseointegrated oral implants for tooth replacements- Esposito M, Coulthard P, Thomson P
- Interventions for treating oral leukoplakia- Carrassi A, Sardella A, Lodi G

#### Registered Titles

- Therapeutic trials for recurrent(aphthous)oral ulcers- Chan ES-Y, Zakrzewska JM, Challacombe SJ, Thornhill MH
- Efficacy of anti-calculus dentifrices – Gopalakrishnan N.S, Sheiham A
- Resin-bonded bridges for tooth replacement- Steele JG, Swift B, Jepson NJA, McColl EMH
- Effectiveness of electric toothbrushes- Walmsley AD, Shaw WC
- Scale and polish for chronic periodontitis- Elley K, Buries A, Gould L
- Atraumatic restorative treatment for the treatment of dental caries- Hak Kong Y, Smales RJ

#### Review subjects currently under discussion

- The effectiveness of early orthodontic treatment – Harrison JE, O'Brien K, Worthington HV, Lennon MA, Williamson P
- Pilocarpine for radiation induced xerostomia- Ferre J
- Interventions for treating dental anxiety –McGoldrick P, deJongh AD, Durham R, Levitt J
- Retention and relapse following orthodontic treatment- Littlewood S
- Lingual nerve damage during removal of lower third molars: comparison of surgical methods.  
– Joshi A, Coulthard P
- Retinoid therapy for oral cancer lesions. – Thornhill M
- Facial growth outcome following surgical repair of cleft lip and palate. – Shaw WC