Preparing, maintaining and promoting systematic reviews of interventions for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of traumatic injury.

Congratulations to all involved with the Cochrane Injuries Group - our 100th review is now published in the Cochrane Library.

2010 saw our Group pass the milestone of 100 reviews published in the Cochrane Library.

As the chart to the right shows, the Group’s publications have expanded steadily since inception in 1997. This trend has continued into 2011, with the total now standing at 105, with over 75 exciting new titles well into the authoring process.

Everyone at CIG would like to extend a huge “thank you” to all the authors, referees and editors whose hard work has made this milestone possible.

Funding for CIG Secured for 2010-15

The CIG has received a Cochrane Infrastructure Award from the UK Department of Health, National Institute for Health Research for the period 2010-5.

This funding will be sufficient to maintain the editorial base—which includes a part-time Editor, a full time Trial Search Coordinator and Managing Editor, and running costs.

Monthly Publication of the Cochrane Library

The Cochrane Library is now being published monthly. Manuscripts will be sent to the publisher one month before they appear on the Library, meaning much quicker time to publication.

Promote Your Review with a Cochrane Podcast

Authors are encouraged to record a podcast describing the findings of their review, which will appear on the Cochrane Library homepage. This is an exciting way to promote your review and CIG welcomes any author wishing to take advantage of this opportunity.

For a guide to creating a podcast for the Cochrane Library, visit: www.cochrane.org/multimedia/podcasts/guide-podcasting

At the moment most podcasts are in English, but authors are encouraged to record a podcast in any other language they speak.
Short Course in Systematic Reviews

Staff from the CIG will be running a short course in systematic reviews and meta-analyses of health research at LSHTM in September. The course is designed for all healthcare researchers, including clinicians, nurses, epidemiologists and public health practitioners who are interested in learning the key concepts involved in the design and production of high quality systematic reviews.

Over 5 days, participants will be equipped with all the necessary skills to conduct their own systematic reviews of health research.

Teaching will take the form of lectures and participatory practical sessions.

More information can be found at:
http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short/ssh.html

Plagiarism Detection Software

As of September 2010, all documents submitted to the Cochrane Injuries Group editorial base are being checked using sophisticated plagiarism detection software.

CrossCheck is a multi-publisher initiative to screen published and submitted content for originality. The Cochrane Injuries Group uses iThenticate software to detect instances of overlapping and similar text in submitted manuscripts.

To find out more about CrossCheck visit
http://www.crossref.org/crosscheck.html

New Checklists

Authors are encouraged to use the new Pre-Submission Checklists for draft protocols, reviews and updated reviews.

Call for Nominations: 2011 PAHO/PAHEF Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health

Now is the time to help colleagues who are conducting outstanding public health work in the Americas receive the recognition they deserve. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 PAHO/PAHEF Awards for Excellence in Inter-American Public Health at www.pahef.org/awards.

The awards recognise innovative individuals, programs, institutions, and organizations advancing health in the region of the Americas, especially in Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

Each award consists of a cash prize or research grant, a certificate of honour, a symbolic representation of the award, and the awardee is invited to attend the annual meeting of the PAHO Directing Council.

Submission Deadline: May 13, 2011, 5:00 p.m. ET (Washington, DC, time)

More information and the full guidelines for each award may be found at www.pahef.org

Cochrane Online Training Resources

The Cochrane Collaboration now provides extensive and free online training resources for everyone from review authors to users of the Cochrane Library.

These can be found at:
http://training.cochrane.org/

Cochrane Student Journal Club

Co-ordinated by medical students in India and Pakistan, the selected topics are of particular interest to people working in communicable disease control and prevention.

See the website for details.

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**New on the Cochrane Library since our last newsletter**

### New Reviews
- Audit filters for improving processes of care and clinical outcomes in trauma systems
- Caffeine for the prevention of injuries and errors in shift workers
- Educational interventions for the prevention of eye injuries
- Functional capacity evaluations for the prevention of occupational re-injuries in injured workers
- Glucocorticoid with cyclophosphamide for paraquat-induced lung fibrosis
- Motorcycle rider training for the prevention of road traffic crashes
- Organisational travel plans for improving health
- Pharmacological interventions for the prevention of allergic and febrile non-haemolytic transfusion reactions
- Progesterone for acute traumatic brain injury
- Prophylactic antibiotics for penetrating abdominal trauma
- Psychosocial interventions for the prevention of disability following traumatic physical injury

### New Protocols
- Continuous versus intermittent infusions of antibiotics for the treatment of severe acute infections
- Interventions for managing skeletal muscle spasticity following traumatic brain injury
- Interventions to prevent healthcare bed-related injuries in patients
- Respiratory muscle training for cervical spinal cord injury
- Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis for acute spinal cord injury patients

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**Updated on the Cochrane Library since our last newsletter**

- Anti-fibrinolytic drugs for acute traumatic injury
- Anti-fibrinolytic use for minimising perioperative allogeneic blood transfusion
- Area-wide traffic calming for preventing traffic related injuries
- Barbiturates for acute traumatic brain injury
- Bicycle helmet legislation for the uptake of helmet use and prevention of head injuries
- Bradykinin beta-2 receptor antagonists for acute traumatic brain injury
- Cell salvage for minimising perioperative allogeneic blood transfusion
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for the adjunctive treatment of traumatic brain injury
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy for thermal burns
- Hypothermia for traumatic head injury
- Interventions for increasing pedestrian and cyclist visibility for the prevention of death and injuries
- Interventions in the alcohol server setting for preventing injuries
- Modification of the home environment for the reduction of injuries
- Monoaminergic agonists for acute traumatic brain injury
- Pharmacological interventions for spasticity following spinal cord injury
- Recombinant factor VIIa for the prevention and treatment of bleeding in patients without haemophilia
- Routine intracranial pressure monitoring in acute coma
- Speed cameras for the prevention of road traffic injuries and deaths
- Transfusion thresholds and other strategies for guiding allogeneic red blood cell transfusion

*Please remember that the Contact Person of a full, up-to-date, published Cochrane review is entitled to a complimentary online or DVD subscription to *The Cochrane Library* for approximately 2 years from when the Full Review is first published or updated. The exact expiry date of the subscription is 2.5 years from the date entered in the ‘Assessed as Up-to-date’ field in the RevMan file. If authors are eligible to receive a complimentary subscription, they will see a Subscription tab on the Properties for their record in Archie when their new or up-to-date review has been released for publication. The default subscription status is set ‘Suspended’. Therefore, if you wish to receive a complimentary subscription, you have to edit the default subscription status from ‘Suspended’ to ‘Online’ or ‘DVD-ROM’. You also have the option to donate your subscription to someone else with a record in Archie, e.g. a co-author.*
Cochrane Training for Australian Authors

Training in Cochrane methods is available free of charge through the Australian Cochrane Centre. Details are here: [http://acc.cochrane.org/timetable-registration](http://acc.cochrane.org/timetable-registration)

COMET Initiative Meeting, Bristol, UK

The second meeting of the COMET (Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials) Initiative will take place 11th-12th July 2011.

The Initiative aims to bring together a wide range of people interested in the development and application of “core outcome sets” in many different areas of healthcare practice and research.

Core outcome sets provide a basis for what should be measured and reported, as a minimum, in clinical trials for a specific condition; and will have great relevance to systematic reviews (in particular for deciding on the outcomes to focus on when summarising the findings of the review).

Website: [www.cometmeeting2011.org](http://www.cometmeeting2011.org)

Interactive Resources to Support Learning About Effects of Health Care

An international network of researchers for promoting public knowledge for critical appraisal; based at Colorado School of Public Health, are developing an inventory of interactive applications and games that teach people (consumers, decision-makers, students, and professionals) how to be critical consumers of information about the effects of health care.

If you know of any resources, please email [lauren.krause@ucdenver.edu](mailto:lauren.krause@ucdenver.edu)

Consumer and Developing Country Stipend for the Colloquium

The next Cochrane Colloquium will be held in Madrid, Spain, from 19th to 22nd October 2011.

Detailed information on stipend criteria and how to apply can be found on [http://colloquium.cochrane.org/colloquium-stipends](http://colloquium.cochrane.org/colloquium-stipends). The deadline for submitting applications is Monday 30 May 2011.

Contact Caroline Rouse or Juliane Ried at [consumerstipends@cochrane.org](mailto:consumerstipends@cochrane.org) or [dcstipends@cochrane.org](mailto:dcstipends@cochrane.org) with queries.

Author Training Course – Hamilton, Canada

There will be a Cochrane Standard Author Training course held at McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada) 27th - 28th May 2011.

The course will appeal to all those undertaking a Cochrane review. Experienced tutors and facilitators will be available to give practical and individual advice.

Topics to be covered include: protocols, setting your question, literature searching, study selection, assessing bias, data and analysis, formulating conclusions, and a hands-on session with Review Manager software.

Study methods include: small group teaching, interactive tutorials with hands on practical work at computer stations and group work.

Contact: Karin Dearness on [dearnes@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dearnes@mcmaster.ca)

Website: [http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/ugpd/workshop.html](http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/ugpd/workshop.html)

Review Updating Course – Oxford, UK

The UK Cochrane Centre is offering a short course on 10th and 11th May for authors who are keen to update their review and who would benefit from dedicated research time. Facilitators will be available to assist with specific problems. Taught sessions will include statistical analysis and data interpretation.

We hope to enable authors who are finding it difficult to update their review:

- to overcome the blocks that are preventing progress.
- to prepare a first draft of their updated review for submission to their CRG.

Authors must have published their original review in the Cochrane Library or be in the process of updating somebody else’s Cochrane Review.

For further information please contact: Nicola McDowell at the UK Cochrane Centre, Oxford. [nmcdowell@cochrane.co.uk](mailto:nmcdowell@cochrane.co.uk)