



Centre and Fields Digest



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 26th edition of the Centre & Fields Digest.

The Digest provides information particularly relevant to Cochrane's Geographic Groups and Fields, including consumers, and will include a round-up of pertinent information also published in the Community newsletter and on the Cochrane websites. It is the sister publication to the [Review and Methods Digest](#) published by the Cochrane Editorial Unit, which is sent to CRGs and Methods Groups.

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ITEMS FOR YOUR ACTION:

1) Global Evidence Summit – standard registration closes 18 August 2017

To find out why you should attend the Global Evidence Summit, please visit the [GES website](#).

2) Upcoming Cochrane Learning Live webinars on: MAGICapp platform for review authors to plan, author & publish quality content – Sign up by 23 August 2017

MAGICapp is an authoring and publication platform for guideline and evidence summaries. The platform guides authors through the different stages of planning, authoring, and publishing of high quality content. MAGICapp makes content available to clinicians and their patients in multi-layer format, making it possible to dig as deep into the data as needed to make well-informed decisions. For more information, and to sign up for the webinar, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

3) Cochrane Scientific Committee call for methods submissions – Deadline for applications is Monday 25th September 2017

The Cochrane Scientific Committee (CSC) is a new body with responsibility for making scientific decisions about the implementation of new methods for Cochrane Reviews. This Committee now underway will build up an agenda of priority methods for future implementation. From time to time Cochrane members will have the opportunity to submit methodological items to the committee. For details on how to submit an application, please see the [Cochrane Community website](#).

ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

4) Business meetings at the Global Evidence Summit

For a list of the confirmed Cochrane business meetings that will be held at the Global Evidence Summit, in September, please see the [Cochrane Community Website](#).

5) New national license agreement provides India with unlimited access to the Cochrane Library

John Wiley and Sons Inc. (NYSE:JWa) (NYSE:JWb) is pleased to announce that students, practitioners, researchers, and patients in India will now have access to more than 7,000 published systematic reviews in healthcare interventions through one-click access to the [Cochrane Library](#). For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

6) Implementation of Reviews of Prognosis – An update

Over the last few years Cochrane has explored the possibility of extending its collection of review types to Reviews of Prognosis. Reviews of Prognosis are an important field of research, with increasing development and publication outside Cochrane. Two key contributions supported by Cochrane, led by the convenors of the Prognosis Methods Group (PMG), are the Exemplar programme and funding to develop both prognosis methods and capacity for implementation. This work, although progressing well, is not ready for full roll out of Reviews of Prognosis in Cochrane. We are currently working with the PMG convenors to develop an implementation strategy and plan. Most importantly we need to build the knowledge and capacity within Cochrane to produce high quality, priority Prognosis reviews before widespread uptake. For this reason, the registration of these review titles is restricted as we need to ensure author team competency and support for editorial capacity to produce these reviews. The development of approved and published exemplars, with annotation and related tools, are important steps to develop the standards and to build capacity for these review types. We currently rely upon PMG support to sign off these reviews so we need to tightly manage their limited availability.

Please contact either Jackie Chandler (Methods Co-ordinator) jchandler@cochrane.org or Toby Lasserson (Senior Editor) tlasserson@cochrane.org if your Group wishes to register a title of a prognostic question.

If you have other questions about reviews of prognosis, please feel free to contact the PMG (CochranePMG@dal.ca) or visit the PMG website to access available resources: <http://methods.cochrane.org/prognosis/welcome>.

7) Cochrane Library Special Collection: Enabling breastfeeding for mothers and babies

The first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week and the full month of August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month for many countries - the perfect time to highlight the Cochrane Library Special Collection, which brings together Cochrane Reviews assessing evidence on interventions to support breastfeeding. For more information, please see [Cochrane.org](#).

8) More Cochrane Community news posts and blogs

- [Upcoming events](#)
- [Taking vitamin supplements will not prevent a common eye disease](#)

For all current opportunities, please see [Cochrane Jobs](#)

The Centre & Fields Digest is created by the Chief Executive Officer's Office. We intend to make it available approximately every two weeks and to bring together various items of content that we think will be of interest, to maximise communication and minimise inbox overload. If you wish to submit content please contact [Elaine Carman](#), EA to the CEO. We hope that you will find the Digest interesting and informative, and also that it will provide you with opportunities for communicating your views and suggestions.

Best wishes,

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