

What's new from the Cochrane Back Review Group December 2011

The Cochrane Back Review Group did not submit any new or updated protocols or reviews to *The Cochrane Library* 2012, issue 1. Our numbers stand at 56 published reviews (including one review of diagnostic test accuracy and six withdrawn reviews) and 15 published protocols (including two protocols for reviews of diagnostic test accuracy). We have 3724 records in CENTRAL.

There are a number of manuscripts in the editorial process, so anticipate additions for the next issue.

A note from the Managing Editor

Rachel Couban (Trials Search Coordinator) and Allison Kelly (Editorial Assistant) have both been with the Back Group for over five years now! Happy CBRG Anniversary! I'm sure that I speak for CBRG authors and members, as well as staff at the Institute for Work and Health, when I say that your hard work and dedication to the group is greatly appreciated.

Other CBRG news

New CBRG website

Check out our new website at <http://back.cochrane.org/>!

If you think it looks familiar, that's because we used a standard format that is common across Cochrane entities. There are a few pages that are still under construction, but we couldn't wait to get it up and running!

We hope that the website will be a helpful resource to new and existing members and authors, and our aim is to make it as user-friendly as possible. So, please send along your feedback. What's working? What could be improved? Tell us what you think, and we'll do our best to make the suggested changes.

Request for photos

We need your help to add color and personality to our website. Do you have any photos that we could post online? We would welcome photos of anything related to the Back Group – it could be a picture of you, your review team, your research institute, your clinical practice, or anything else you think might be relevant. To start things off, we took a photo at our holiday lunch.



We went out for Thai food to celebrate the holidays. From left to right: Rachel Couban, Quenby Mahood (Library Services Manager at IWH), Allison Kelly, Teresa Marin, and Andrea Furlan.

Systematic review workshop

On 16–18 November, 2011 the CBRG Co-ordinating Editors, Maurits van Tulder and Claire Bombardier, as well as two members of our Editorial Board, Andrea Furlan and George Tomlinson, led a Systematic Review Workshop at the Institute for Work and Health. The workshop was designed to teach participants how to plan, conduct and communicate the results of a systematic review, and the work of The Cochrane Collaboration was highlighted throughout. I attended this informative workshop along with 16 other participants. If you missed out this time around, stay tuned for information about our spring workshop.



Maurits is in the back row, sixth from the right, and I'm in the same row, fourth from the right.

Canadian Center News

The Cochrane Canada Annual Report

Cochrane Canada is pleased to release its [Annual Report](#) for the 2010 - 2011 reporting year. Please see the report for updates from the Centre, six Canadian Review Groups (including the CBRG), one Field, and two Methods Groups.

Canadian Symposium

The 12th Annual Cochrane Canada Symposium will be held 9-10 May 2012, with pre-symposium workshops from 7-8 May. Winnipeg, Manitoba has been chosen to host this year's Symposium, and the theme is "Health Evidence for ALL." Check out the [Symposium website](#) for more information.

Cochrane Canada at a new address

Cochrane Canada has moved to a new home located at The Ottawa Hospital, General Campus. You can find the office at: The Ottawa Hospital - General Campus Centre for Practice-Changing Research (CPCR) 501 Smyth Road, Box 711 Ottawa, ON K1H 8L6.

Partnership between PAHO and CADTH leads to Spanish translation of Rx for Change

On 26 October 2011, the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) signed an agreement with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) allowing PAHO to translate **Rx for Change** into Spanish. This will make it available to Spanish regions, increasing the database's potential to improve the prescribing, practice and use of health technologies in those areas.

Rx for Change is a searchable database containing scientific research evidence that aims to help inform the choice and use of practical, evidence-based interventions. It was developed by the Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC) Review Group and the Cochrane Consumer and Communication Review Group.

Training

Understanding Evidence-based health care

This online, six-module course has been created by the United States Cochrane Center as part of a project undertaken by Consumers United for Evidence-based Healthcare (CUE), and is designed to help consumer advocates understand the fundamentals of evidence-based healthcare concepts and skills. Click [here](#) for more information.

Online Learning Modules

Online Learning is available for all authors of intervention reviews. This can be found at training.cochrane.org.

Please note

The editorial office will close at 4:00 pm 23rd December until 30th December, 2011. I will be back in the office on 2nd January, 2012 and will answer any questions that come up at that time.

Best wishes throughout the holiday season.

Teresa

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