



Newsletter

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Last month the annual Cochrane and Campbell Colloquium was held in Colorado, USA. The event was a great success with over 800 attendees. Thankyou to all those that supported the CNCF activities. To download the program and abstract book please visit

<http://www.cochrane.org/features/annual-colloquium>

News from the CNCF Nursing Care Review Integration Node

Just as a reminder, the aims of this Node are to:

- Identify nursing care phenomena to investigate within existing Cochrane reviews
- Develop and evaluate a methodology to locate evidence on nursing phenomena (review and synthesis from existing reviews)
- Establish an inventory and priorities for care concept reviews and identify review teams
- Generate a CNCF database of care concept reviews

This year, the work of the Node has been on two fronts:

- 1) development of a provisional methodology to conduct the reviews

across existing Cochrane Review Groups, and

- 2) formulation of a conceptual framework for nursing care concept reviews.

As part of the initial activity to aid this work, one of the Node members, Bridie Kent (based in Australia) has been exploring ways of searching the Cochrane Library in order to best identify nursing care concepts.

Various issues and challenges have influenced this work, including that there is a lack of professional agreement upon chosen terminology in nursing; that the work in this area has given rise to an increase in the number of terminologies; and that differences between these form significant barriers to the comparison and interchange of health information.

Thus there is growing demand for a new way of working or searching to help identify specific foci in libraries such as the Cochrane Library, since this would possibly enhance quality, give a greater coherence between databases, and reduce effort – those who search regularly know how irritating it is to have to identify different terms for each database that you are searching.

So we have reached the point where we can begin to build upon work by Boldt et al (2010), who have identified commonalities and areas where differences are seen between two of the major classification systems (NANDA-I and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)). Their work focused on terminology for care planning, rather than database searching or identification of a framework for nursing care concept reviews. More testing is needed to determine how

effective this system will be for searching for nursing-related evidence or nursing care concepts within the Cochrane Library. To do this it would be great to find interested people who can help to systematically search the Cochrane Library using new frameworks such as the ICF and other controlled vocabularies (such as OVID Nursing Subject Thesaurus) to explore which, if any, are more effective than others – for different areas of nursing practice.

Who to contact: either Bridie Kent by email at bridie.kent@deakin.edu.au or the Node Convenors who are Margaret Harrison and Christina Godfrey at Queen's University in Ontario, Canada; they can be contacted at QJBC.Patient.Safety@queensu.ca

Call for papers: CNCF IJNP Section

The Journal Section for the Cochrane Nursing Care Field contains up to date news, transcripts of podcasts, and free papers, including overviews of reviews, theoretical papers, a regular series on understanding statistics related to systematic reviews; and invites papers on research projects, systematic reviews and clinical practice projects where doing or using Cochrane reviews formed part of the project.

The section is published in the prestigious; ISI listed *International Journal of Nursing Practice*. This section provides a unique, scholarly opportunity for nurses to participate and publish their Cochrane related work. The emphasis is for papers using, developing or reporting on Cochrane reviews, rather than focusing on a particular profession or speciality of care. You are invited to highlight your Cochrane work, or to contribute through

the conduct of overviews of reviews. To submit a paper, visit: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijnp>

Overviews of reviews

Overviews provide a unique opportunity for nurses to extract and synthesise the results of multiple reviews focused on areas of nursing care. Papers on the following topics are invited, all overviews are welcomed:

- psychological interventions
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: non pharmacologic management
- Alcohol and Addiction: treatment of Cocaine dependence
- treatment or prevention of alcohol addiction
- Otitis Media
- treatment and prevention of Trachoma
- heart failure treatment:
- Hepatitis C treatment
- treatments to lower blood pressure in primary hypertension
- physical and psychological interventions for continence in women
- interventions for obesity

For further information related to the topics, timelines for publication, or methodology, please contact the receiving editor craig.lockwood@adelaide.edu.au

Symposium Reminder



The Adelaide CNCF Symposium will take place this month on the 24th November. If you will be in Adelaide at this time we welcome you to attend. To register online visit:

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/events/2010NAC/registration.php>

Cochrane Nursing Care Corner Columns

The following columns have been published over the past month:

- Kirshbaum M. Does protein and energy supplementation benefit older people at risk of malnutrition? *Nursing Times* 2010 106(39): 21-22
- Konno R. Acupuncture-Point Stimulation for Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea or Vomiting. *Cancer Nursing* 2010 33(6):479-80

Many thanks to the authors for their hard work.

Website Translation

The CNCF website has now been translated into Spanish. Thankyou to our team in Madrid who undertook the translations and please take a look.

Podcasts

We have another new podcast up on the website which is based on a review about postnatal parental education for optimising infant general health and parent-infant relationships. All podcasts are available to download at

<http://cncf.cochrane.org/podcasts>

Other News from Cochrane

Newsletters that may be of interest to you:

Lung Cancer Group

http://www.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Newsletters/LCG%20newsletter_2010.pdf

Musculoskeletal Group

<http://www.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/uploads/Newsletters/CMSG%20Sept10%20Newsletter.pdf>

Renal Group

http://www.cochrane-renal.org/docs/Newsletter_October_2010.pdf

Methods Group

www.thecochranelibrary.com/view/0/CochraneMethods.html

Cochrane Consumers & Communication Review Group

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/chcp/assets/downloads/C&CNewsletter_Oct2010e.pdf

Developing a Cochrane Systematic Review Workshop, 12 - 14 January 2011, Baltimore, Maryland (USA)

This workshop guides participants through the steps of developing a systematic review and includes presentations about Cochrane methodology and hands-on practice using the Cochrane Collaboration's Review Manager (RevMan) software. Those with Cochrane registered titles, protocols, and reviews as well as those interested in learning more about systematic reviews are also accepted, space permitting.

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