



Newsletter

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Welcome to the last edition of the CNCN newsletter for 2009

There are now over 850 members of the CNCN indicating steady growth. Our target was for 1000 members by the end of 2009 so there's not much time left to invite friends, colleagues and students to be part of this exciting network!

CNCN Nodes

Last issue we got some of our node convenors to introduce their nodes to give members more information on their purpose, as well as trying to tempt you into joining them. Here is the next instalment from the co-convenors of the Fundamentals of Care (FOC) Node.

Identifying the Fundamentals of Nursing Care: the CNCN Node

Ensuring good quality care is essential to improve the use of health services and support patients. Continuous attention to these fundamentals can support innovations in health and wellbeing as well as guaranteeing safety and quality patient care. Despite the increasing amount of investment in quality, safety and evidence based practice innovations there is still very little systematic data on what we call the fundamental of nursing care.

A three stage process to investigate the fundamental of nursing care is being undertaken.

Stage One involves a thematic analysis, categorisation and synthesis of selected contents extracted from seminal texts relating to nursing practice. Stage Two

involves using the synthesised information gleaned in Stage One to undertake a review of published literature using a Meta Narrative Review Methodology as described by Greenhalgh et al 2005.

Issues that have arisen as part of the ongoing discussions about the Fundamentals of Care include:

1. What are the Fundamentals of Care – that is, what is the basis upon which nursing care is delivered?

2. A suggestion that the Fundamentals of Care have three dimensions

The physiology

The self-care

The environmental

3. Where do we currently source the information to establish the evidence base for the work nurses do?

4. How do we create a simple, holistic, internationally relevant decision and action model that is fit for practice?

5. How do we identify what the dimensions or elements for each area of care are?

6. How robust is the evidence base for:

Assessment

Diagnosis

Intervention

7. What is the impact of putting the dimensions/elements of self care, environment and physiology together?

8. Does the combination of the dimensions/elements facilitate and

promote an integrated and holistic assessment?

If you are interested in any one or combination of these questions then why don't you choose to join us on the Fundamentals of Care node. Co-ordinated by Alison Kitson and Suzi Malt, we can guarantee you an exciting and challenging journey into the very heart of nursing practice!

Remember all members of the CNCN can become active contributors to CNCN Nodes. Please visit the website for further information.

Adelaide Satellite Symposium

A half day CNCN symposium was held in Adelaide on Thursday 19th November as part of the Joanna Briggs Institute International Convention. Presentations were provided by some of the Node Convenors and an open forum was also conducted to share ideas about how to move the CNCN forward. The Symposium was well attended with colleagues from Thailand, Korea, Myanmar and Portugal interested in being involved in translating materials to raise awareness of the CNCN in countries who speak a language other than English. In addition to this, the CNCN will also be producing a series of 'task sheets', which will help give members a clearer perspective into what is involved in our network activities.

Website Updated

The CNCN website has been recently updated and now includes the presentations and photos from the October

Symposium in Singapore, as well as copies of past newsletters, and more information about the Evidence Transfer Program (ETP) including an online form to be part of the ETP.

CNCN Evidence Transfer Program (ETP)

The ETP program is progressing well. Currently the ETP consists of two core activities 1) developing summaries of nursing-care-relevant Cochrane reviews that are published in a range of international journals and 2) developing podcasts of nursing-care-relevant Cochrane reviews that can be freely accessed.

Review Summaries

We now have three more journals that have reached agreement with the CNCN to produce a column of review summaries – Public Health Nursing, The American Journal of Nursing and The Renal Society of Australasia Journal. We welcome this exciting collaboration and look forward to working with them to raise the profile of Cochrane reviews in the nursing community.

We have also received our first submission of summaries for the International Journal of Evidence Based Healthcare. Staff in Adelaide are currently reviewing them but so far they look great!

All members wanting to be involved in this program please visit the website to submit your details online or email cncn@adelaide.edu.au

Podcasts

The CNCN is pleased to announce that Dr Suzi Robertson-Malt has volunteered to be the receiving editor of our podcast program. The link between the two activities in the ETP is that each summary developed for a journal will have a podcast developed from it. We are still in the early stages of developing this activity so please watch the website in the upcoming weeks to read more about it. If you would like to be involved, whether that be by developing scripts for podcasts or delivering a podcasts please contact us on cncfpodcasts@adelaide.edu

Cochrane Nursing Care Supplement

The CNC supplement published in the International Journal of Nursing Practice - is calling for authors who have conducted implementation or evaluation projects that used Cochrane resources (these may include audit or quality improvement projects, research or systematic review based projects.)

Please contact the receiving editor Craig Lockwood (craig.lockwood@adelaide.edu.au) to indicate your interest.

Other News from Cochrane

The next issue of the Cochrane Library will be published on January 20th 2010.

The Joint Colloquium of the Cochrane and Campbell Collaborations will be held 18-22 October 2010, at the Keystone Resort in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, USA.

This will be the 18th Cochrane Colloquium combined with the 10th Campbell Colloquium.

The Cancer Network has been deregistered because funding is no longer available.

A number of free Wiley InterScience Cochrane Library tutorials are available.

The direct URL's are:

1. The Cochrane Library - an introduction
www.brainshark.com/wiley/cochrane1
2. Tips on Advanced and MESH searching
www.brainshark.com/wiley/cochrane2
3. Setting up Saved Searches and e-mail Alerts
www.brainshark.com/wiley/cochrane3

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