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Cochrane Nursing – Cochrane Review Summary

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Template for CN 'Cochrane Corner'

This is a commentary on a Cochrane Review. The full citation and the names of the researchers who conducted the Review must be listed in the Reference section below. The maximum word length must be no more than 750-800 words and no less than 600. **All CN Cochrane Corners are an explanation and interpretation of the original Review, while highlighting the relevance for nursing practice.**

- **Background:** (This section should detail the nature and context of the topic, corner writers must also address the relevance for nursing)

This is a brief (2-3 paragraphs) section. It must not be a copy and paste from the review, but may cite parts of the review that help show the relevance of the topic to nursing. It is expected that the Corner Author will contribute to the background section with insights on relevance to nursing and additional references to support those insights. This section must be in the vicinity of 250 words.

- **Objective/s:** (information from the question and inclusion criteria)

The objectives, sometimes referred to as Aims or Questions, will be an interpretation of the information contained in the systematic review report. It must not be a direct copy and paste, but an independently created report and explanation of the same information.

- **Intervention/Methods:** (information from the inclusion criteria)

The description of intervention/s and the methods of the review must not be a copy and paste, the Corner Writer must summarise in their own words what the interventions of interest were, including any comparators, and will summarise the methods reported in the Cochrane Review. This section must be in the vicinity of 200 Words.

- **Results:**

The results for the primary outcomes of interest to nursing are reported here. Results will include an independent interpretation of the information contained in the review. The presentation format may be narrative, tabular or graphical, but must accurately represent the outcome data for the primary outcome. **This section must be in the vicinity of 100 Words.**

- **Conclusions:**

The Systematic Review Author's conclusion is commented on, and the relevance to nursing explained under this heading. It may be sourced from the review report, or the plain language summary, **but must not be a direct cut and paste**. This section must be in the vicinity of 150 words.

NOTE:

Many Cochrane reviews either have no results (i.e. the evidence is not of sufficient quality to provide reliable evidence), or have inconclusive results (i.e. the evidence does not indicate one intervention is better than any other). The quality of evidence, considering factors such as study design, risk of bias, inconsistency, indirectness, imprecision, and publication bias, may be low or very low. Where the evidence is not of sufficient quality to be reliable, or lacks clarity that one intervention is better than another, the conclusions will need careful consideration. It is often appropriate to suggest that 'usual care' be continued until further evidence becomes available. This should also carry through to the following section of the Cochrane Corner "Implications for Practice".

- **Implications for Practice:** (the corner author creates these based upon the strength of the review results, and knowledge of nursing)

The review report findings are not directly referenced in this section, rather the Corner Author must provide their own perspective on what the implications of the findings are for the nursing profession. In this section, the expertise and experience of the Corner Author is important in establishing the implications for practice that will be accurate to the review findings, and relevant to nursing. **Implications for practice can not include recommendations that are not supported by clear, good quality findings.** This section requires the independent thought of the Corner Writer.

- **References:**

The systematic review from the Cochrane library must always be the first reference in the reference list. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**