



Newsletter

May 2009

Welcome to the CNCN!

It is only seven weeks since the CNCN was formally registered – so there is much to do to get the Network up and running. This is the first of regular, monthly updates for Members of the CNCN.

The CNCN Leadership Group

The Cochrane Nursing Care Network (CNCN) is coordinated centrally and supported by regional nodes and network groups. Central coordination is provided from a dedicated unit within the Joanna Briggs Institute at the University of Adelaide.

The CNCN Coordinator, the Co-convenors of the CNCN Nodes and a Coordinating Office team make up the CNCN Leadership Group:

- Network Coordinator: Alan Pearson
- Scottish Node Co-Convenors: Coral MacRury and Billy Lauder
- Celtic Node Co-Convenors: Donal O'Mathuna and Tracey Howe
- Spanish Node Co-Convenors: Teresa Moreno-Casbas and Esther González-María
- US Node Co-Convenors: Lisa Hopp and Susan Salmond
- Canadian Node Co-Convenors: Margaret Harrison and Marianne Lamb
- Australian Team Members: Craig Lockwood, Anthea Court and Catalin Tufanaru.

The Leadership Group will soon be working through the Work Plan (see below) developed as part of the proposal to establish the CNCN and seeking the involvement of all CNCN members. As you will see, there is a great deal of work to be done this year – and there are lots of opportunities for active participation.

Our work plan (below) is available at: <http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/cncn/about.php>

Objective	Activity	Responsibility (CNCN, Node, Group)	Measure of Impact/Success /Deliverables
Establish the CNCN as a Cochrane entity	a) Generate entity profile in Archie b) Upload and maintain Network module c) Establish CNCN website d) Organise CNCN Satellite symposium alongside Cochrane Colloquium e) Convene Advisory Board f) Draft a strategic plan g) Secure ongoing funding	CNCN Coordinating Site	All appropriate information uploaded and regularly maintained in Archie and the Network module Website "live" by July 2009 Symposium well attended and generates identifiable outcomes Advisory Board convened Strategic plan drafted Ongoing funding secured
Core Objective 1: Identify priority topics/questions related to nursing care that are not covered by existing Cochrane reviews	Develop an agreed, Network-wide process for identifying priorities for reviews	Scottish Node	Process established
Core Objective 2: Identify primary studies in nursing care by searching databases and handsearching relevant journals and conference proceedings, especially those published in languages other than English	Develop and establish systems and working groups	USA Node	Systems and working groups established; list of potential databases and journals generated
Core Objective 3: Promote the Network's perspectives and priorities across the Cochrane Collaboration	Establish an effective communications strategy	CNCN Coordinating Site	Launch website; publication of a regular CNCN newsheet disseminated through CCIInfo and other Cochrane communication channels.
Core Objective 4: Raise awareness in the role of the Cochrane Collaboration and its resources that are available to support practitioners of nursing care	Develop a system for communicating with major international and national nursing care organisations and groups	CNCN Coordinating Site	Quarterly newsheet/CNCN Update developed and circulated widely; content of quarterly news releases published in a wide range of publications and websites
Core Objective 5: Disseminate the findings of relevant Cochrane reviews to the nursing care community	a) Consolidate dissemination of information on Cochrane reviews in the Journal of Advanced Nursing; b) Develop regular "Cochrane Corner" columns in national nursing journals; c) Establish a new Cochrane Evidence for Nursing Care Journal published by Wiley-Blackwell as part of the International Journal of Nursing Practice	CNCN Coordinating Site	22 columns published in JAN in 2009 Cochrane Corner columns published in national nursing journals in at least 6 countries; First issue published in 2009
Core Objective 6: Identify sources of funding to undertake or complete Cochrane reviews of interest to the Network	Identify funding sources and establish strategies to pursue funding	CNCN Coordinating Site	

Building Group Membership

Membership of the Network is open to consumers of nursing care, nurses, formal and informal carers, other healthcare professionals, researchers and others involved in the delivery of nursing care. As there is a great deal of work to do, the Network needs to have a large number of Members to share the workload. A flyer on Membership is attached to this issue of the Newsletter. As a Member of the CNCN, please do circulate this flyer and encourage as many interested people as possible to join the Network.

Members can also join online at:
http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/cncn/members_register.php

The 2009 Cochrane Colloquium and the First CNCN Symposium

This year's Cochrane Colloquium is in Singapore. The CNCN's first Satellite Symposium will be held on October 9th & 10th (*immediately before the Colloquium*). Do try to join us there – as it will be here where we can really develop clear, effective action plans and coordinate real active participation across the CNC Network. Our first Annual General Meeting will also be held during the main Colloquium – and, again, CNCN Members are encouraged to be involved.

A Flyer about the Symposium is attached – please disseminate it far and wide and encourage your colleagues to attend.

We thank our colleagues at the National University Hospital, Singapore; the National University of Singapore; and the Joanna Briggs Evidence Based Nursing

Collaborating Centre in Singapore for their support for the Satellite Symposium.

CNCN Website

The CNCN Website has “gone live” (check it out at:

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/cncn/>



Cochrane Review on the spread of respiratory viruses

Given the recent media blitz on influenza (and, prior to that, other similar outbreaks) the Systematic Review published in the Cochrane Library Issue 2, 2009 by Jefferson et al¹ on Interventions for the interruption or reduction of the spread of respiratory viruses may be of interest to CNCN Members.

The authors report that, from the 51 studies they included in the review, implementing barriers to transmission (such as face masks and gowns), isolation, and hygienic measures may be effective at containing respiratory virus epidemics. They found limited evidence to support the use of (more uncomfortable and expensive) N95 masks and that virucidals or antiseptics to normal

¹ Jefferson T, Foxlee R, Del Mar C, Dooley L, Ferroni E, Hewak B, Prabhala A, Nair S, Rivetti A. Interventions for the interruption or reduction of the spread of respiratory viruses. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 2007, Issue 4. Art. No.: CD006207. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006207.pub2.

hand washing is of uncertain benefit. Go to:
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/106568753/influenza.html>
to see the full text of this review in the Cochrane Library.

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to find a full list of Cochrane Reviews of Prevention and Treatment of Influenza

Other News From Cochrane

Canadian Access to the Cochrane Library

The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre, in partnership with the Canadian Health Libraries Association, has successfully secured a pilot for a national license to The Cochrane Library in Canada. Until the end of 2009, all Canadians with Internet access will be able to download full reviews from the Library. Sustainable funding will be sought to make the access permanent for all Canadians.

Cochrane Register of Studies

The Collaboration is to seek tenders to develop a new *Cochrane Register of Studies*. This database will comprise all the specialised registers from Cochrane Review Groups and Fields (including the contributions the CNCN hopes to make) together with hand-searched records from all Cochrane entities and records sourced from MEDLINE, EMBASE and other databases.

Cochrane Library - Podcasts

There are now fifty-six Podcasts available from *The Cochrane Library*. The production of Podcasts began as a pilot project after approval from the Collaboration Publishing Policy Group (PPG) in November 2007 and are now a regular and popular feature of *The Cochrane Library*. Cochrane reviews for podcasting are selected from each issue's press release list. The authors of these selected reviews are invited to record a podcast. Go to the Cochrane Library to:

1. Listen to the podcast (i.e. download or play now);
2. Read the review (i.e. go straight to the reviews in *The Cochrane Library*);
3. Freely subscribe to receive the podcast collection and future postings (i.e. subscribe using iTunes).

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