



## Newsletter

June 2009

### Welcome to new CNCN Members

There are now almost 450 members of the CNCN and we welcome those who have joined the group since the circulation of the last newsletter.

### CNCN Nodes

There has been a change in the names of Nodes to better reflect their role rather than the geographic location of Node Convenors.

*The Nursing Care Review Prioritising Node* (previously the Scottish Node) is led by Billy Lauder and Coral MacRury. This group focuses on identifying priority review topics/questions related to nursing care that are not currently covered by Cochrane reviews and promoting Cochrane reviews across nursing care groups internationally.

*The Nursing Care Review Support/CRG Liaison Node* (previously the Celtic Node) is led by Donal O'Mathuna. This group is responsible for establishing and maintaining a Review Support Unit to mentor and assist new Cochrane review authors prior to and following their submission of a title to a CRG.

*The Nursing Care Clinical Trial Database Node* (previously the US Node) is led by Lisa Hopp and Susan Salmond. This Node is responsible for coordinating the activities of Network Groups engaged in searching nursing-related journals and conference proceedings not currently extracted in the electronic bibliographic databases especially those published in languages

other than English; and developing extracts and bibliographical data for upload to CENTRAL.

*The Nursing Care Review Integration Node* (previously the Canadian Node) is led by Margaret Harrison and Marianne Lamb. This Node is responsible for identifying evidence relating to nursing care embedded in reviews from all relevant CRGs and developing cross-cutting/umbrella reviews.

*The Nursing Care Non-English Language Node* (previously the Spanish Node) is led by Teresa Moreno Casbas and Esther González María. This Node is responsible for identifying priority review topics/questions related to nursing care that are not currently covered by Cochrane reviews and are priority subjects for Spanish, Portuguese and French speaking countries, or identifying those Cochrane reviews who need to be updated with Spanish, Portuguese and French papers.

**All members of the CNCN can become active contributors to CNCN Nodes. We hope to develop a work plan for all of the Nodes at the Singapore Symposium.**

### Singapore Symposium

Registrations for the inaugural CNCN Symposium in Singapore on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> is now open **do try to attend**. Register for the Symposium online at:

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

The program (yet to be finalised) is likely to be as follows:

**October 9<sup>th</sup> 2009**

0900	Welcome and Introduction to the Symposium
0930	The Cochrane Collaboration and the Role of Fields and Networks
1000	The Cochrane Library and its Role in Informing Nursing Care
1030	Morning Tea
1100	The Cochrane Nursing Care Network: An Overview of the Future
1130	Open Forum: Engaging the Nursing Care Community in the Volunteer Programs of the CNCN.
12.30	Lunch
1300	Workshop 1: identifying priority review topics/questions related to nursing care and getting them conducted by Cochrane Review Groups
1430	Afternoon Tea
1445	Workshop 2: Supporting Nurses and Others in the Nursing Care Community in Becoming Active Members of Review Teams in Cochrane Review Groups
1630	Summation and Close - Day 1

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 2009**

0900	Workshop 3: Working with Network Groups to search nursing-related journals and conference proceedings for clinical trials for consolidation into the Cochrane Database of Trials (CENTRAL).
1030	Morning Tea
1100	Workshop 4: Supporting CNCN Members from Spanish, Portuguese, French and Other Non-English Language Backgrounds
1230	Workshop 5: Developing a Cross-Cutting Approach to the Cochrane Library to Inform Nursing Care
1330	Workshop 6: Getting the Findings of Cochrane Reviews into Clinical Decision Making: Developing and Publishing/Disseminating Nursing-Care-Oriented Review Summaries and PodCasts
1500	Afternoon Tea
1515	Our Work Plan
1530	Where to from here?
1630	Close

**CNCN Evidence Transfer Program**

Disseminating nursing care-relevant summaries of Cochrane reviews to nurses and others involved in nursing care is a major goal of the CNCN. The CNCN evidence transfer program focuses on developing and publishing a “Cochrane Corner” column in a wide range of journals across the world. Over 20 international journal editors have already indicated that they are interested in publishing a “Cochrane Corner” in their journal.

We are now seeking the support of CNCN members to take this forward. We need a group of members who will be linked to one specific journal; will search the Cochrane Library for recent reviews that have direct relevance to nursing care and to the readership of the specific journal of interest; will write a summary (using a standardised template provided by the CNCN); and will undertake to provide the journal they are linked to with a regular column consisting of 1-3, 300-500 word summaries. We in the CNCN will act as receiving editors and check each column before final submission to a journal and will coordinate the overall program. Ideally, every participating journal will publish summaries unique to that journal (i.e. the same summary will not be published in more than one journal).

We are seeking members with expertise/ interest in nursing care in:

- Public health care
- Orthopaedic care
- Cancer care

- Acute hospital care (including intensive care, cardiac care, renal care)

...But we are interested in hearing from any CNCN member who is willing to become involved.

**If you are interested** please email us: [cncn@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:cncn@adelaide.edu.au)

### **CNCN International Symposium on “Engaging Nurses in the Cochrane Collaboration” November 2009**

The CNCN is organising an international symposium to explore ways in which nurses can be involved in the Cochrane Collaboration and strategies to disseminate information from Cochrane reviews to nurses. The one-day symposium is linked to the 2009 Joanna Briggs Institute Convention in Adelaide, Australia in November. For more information contact Chris Cafcakis, email: [chris.cafcakis@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:chris.cafcakis@adelaide.edu.au)

### **Cochrane Review on Enteral Tube Nutrition**

A recent Cochrane review by Sampson et al sought to evaluate the outcome of enteral tube nutrition for older people with advanced dementia who develop problems with eating and swallowing and/or have poor nutritional intake. Six observational controlled studies included in the review assessed mortality and another study assessed nutritional outcomes. The reviewers found no evidence of increased survival in patients receiving enteral tube feeding or of benefit in terms of nutritional status or the prevalence of pressure ulcers.

They conclude that, even though enteral tube nutrition is widely used, there is insufficient evidence to suggest that it is beneficial for people with advanced dementia.

*Sampson EL, Candy B, Jones L. Enteral tube feeding for older people with advanced dementia. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD007209. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007209.pub2.*

### **Other News from Cochrane**

A new, recently launched journal - *Research Synthesis Methods* – provides an ideal outlet for presenting methods or empirical research relevant to Cochrane reviews. For more information, see: <http://www.researchsynthesismethods.com>

A workshop on *Leadership for Women in the Cochrane Collaboration* will be held during the 17th Cochrane Colloquium. For further information contact: Davina Ghersi, email: [gghersid@who.int](mailto:gghersid@who.int)

### **Contact Us**

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