



## Newsletter

September 2009

### Welcome to the fourth CNCN newsletter

Membership of the CNCN continues to rise. There are now close to 600 members of the CNCN and we welcome those who have joined the group since the circulation of the last newsletter.

### Singapore Symposium

There is still time to register for the inaugural CNCN Symposium in Singapore on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Symposium immediately precedes the 17<sup>th</sup> Cochrane Colloquium so if you were planning to attend the Colloquium why not register for the Symposium. The cost for this two day fully catered for event is €88.00/ AUD\$162.00 / £78.00. Close to 100 people have already registered so to download your registration form please visit:

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

### CNCN Nodes

Just a reminder that all members of the CNCN can become active contributors to the five CNCN Nodes. More information will be provided in the next edition of the newsletter following the Symposium. The nodes are:

- *The Nursing Care Review Prioritising Node* (previously the Scottish Node).
- *The Nursing Care Review Support/CRG Liaison Node* (previously the Celtic Node)

- *The Nursing Care Clinical Trial Database Node* (previously the US Node)
- *The Nursing Care Review Integration Node* (previously the Canadian Node)
- *The Nursing Care Non-English Language Node* (previously the Spanish Node).

### CNCN Evidence Transfer Program

A big thankyou to all those that contacted us in regards to wanting to be involved in the Evidence Transfer Program and to those that sent in their suggestions for journals to contact. We are currently still in negotiations with a number of journals and once things are finalised we will post a list of journals here and on our website.

The aim of the Evidence Transfer Program is to disseminate nursing care-relevant summaries of Cochrane reviews to nurses and others involved in nursing care. It requires CNCN members to search the Cochrane Library for recent reviews relevant to nursing care (and the specific journal of interest) and write a summary. 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.

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

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

A quick reminder that the CNCN will be the focus of a one-day symposium on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, as part of the Joanna Briggs Institute Convention. This event will be hosted in Adelaide, Australia and will be a great opportunity to discuss what came out of the Singapore Symposium held the month prior. If you would like more information contact [chris.cafcakis@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:chris.cafcakis@adelaide.edu.au)

### **Cochrane Review on Interventions for Assisting the Induction of Anaesthesia in Children**

A recent Cochrane review by Yip et al sought to evaluate the effects of non-pharmacological interventions in assisting the induction of anaesthesia in children (less than 18 years of age). The outcomes measured were anxiety, distress and co-operation. Seventeen randomised or quasi-randomised controlled trials were included in the review. Eight examined the presence of parents with none of the trials producing a significant difference in anxiety or co-operation in favour of the presence of parents. One study indicated that midazolam was significantly more effective than parental presence in reducing anxiety. The authors conclude that the presence of parents during induction of general anaesthesia does not reduce their child's anxiety, but suggested that presence should be considered on an individual basis. Other non-pharmacological

interventions such as video-games and a clown doctor require further examination.

*Yip P, Middleton P, Cyna AM, Carlyle AV. Non-pharmacological interventions for assisting the induction of anaesthesia in children. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009, Issue 3. Art. No.: CD006447. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD006447.pub2.*

### **A little bit about the structure of the Cochrane Collaboration**

For those of you who may not know much about the structure of the Cochrane Collaboration we thought this would be a great opportunity to describe how the Collaboration is organised and to let you all know how you fit into it. Members of the Cochrane Collaboration are organised into groups, known as 'entities' of which there are five different types:

**Cochrane Review Groups** are made up of people who prepare, maintain and update Cochrane Reviews, and people who support them in this process. Each Group has an 'editorial base' where a small team of people supports the production of Cochrane Reviews.

**Cochrane Centres** support people in their geographic and linguistic area. Dependent on available resources, some Centres are able to provide training, help with translations, networking, etc.

**Methods Groups** are made up of people who develop the methodology of Cochrane Reviews.

**Networks** (some are called 'Fields') focus on dimensions of health care other than specific health problems, such as the

setting of care (e.g. primary care), the type of consumer (e.g. older people), or the type of intervention (e.g. vaccines).

**The Consumer Network** provides information and a forum for networking among consumers (mostly patients), and a liaison point for consumer groups around the world.

### **Other News from Cochrane**

For those of you already involved in Cochrane Reviews, the Style Guides have recently been updated. Check them out at <http://www.cochrane.org/style/home.htm>

Applications for the Cochrane Visiting Fellowship are currently underway. For further information about the Fellowship please visit <http://www.cochrane.org/docs/Fellowshipsandscholarships.htm#CCEF>

Lastly the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Group has been deregistered because funding is no longer available.

### **New Administrator Appointed**

We welcome Cindy Stern to the CNCN as the new administrator for the Network. She has been busy helping organise the Symposium, as well as making sure the membership database is up-to-date. Next on her list is to update the website and Archie, which is part of the Cochrane Information Management System.

### **Contact Us**

If you would like to make any suggestions for information to be included into the newsletter or have any questions about the CNCN you can contact us by email:

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