Year End Newsletter 2013

NHS National Institute for Health Research

We extend our thanks to all contributors for their efforts throughout a successful 2013.
Some achievements include developing exciting new partnerships, improving our editorial process by embracing the capabilities of Archie, and publishing a total of 25 new reviews.

We look forward to making many more important contributions to the pain community in 2014, and we hope you will continue to be part of what we do at PaPaS.

Anna Hobson

---The PaPaS office is closed from 5pm Friday 20th December, returning Monday 6th January---

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Issues 1 to 12, 2013:
25 new reviews
17 protocols (+ 3 major change)
18 updates

Total publications:
199 reviews
47 protocols

= 246 on the CDSR

Members of the Editorial Team at the 2013 Colloquium: (l-r) Professor Christopher Eccleston (Co-Ed), Anna Hobson (Managing Editor), and Yvonne Roy (Assistant ME)

Save the date

The Marie Curie Annual Palliative Care Research Conference, held jointly with the Palliative Care Section of the Royal Society of Medicine: Palliative care in the community – making a difference in practice
28 March, London, UK
www.mariecurie.org.uk

Cochrane UK & Ireland Annual Symposium
23 – 24 April, Manchester, UK
www.manchester2014.cochrane.org

British Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting
29 April - 1 May, Manchester, UK
www.britishpainsociety.org

Cochrane Colloquium
21 – 25 September, Hyderabad, India
www.colloquium.cochrane.org

International Association for the Study of Pain 15th World Congress on Pain
6 – 11 October, Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.iasp-pain.org/

A Helping Hand

Have you seen our new and improved website, complete with a [Resource Hub](#) containing lots of useful information?

For new authors
- Managing expectations, editorial process, requirements of an author team: [find out more](#)

PaPaS Editorial Process
- How to submit your review proposal: [find out more](#)
- Flowcharts of the editorial process for [protocols](#) and [reviews](#)

PaPaS Documents
- Guidance and supporting information: [find out more](#)
- Methodological expectations ([MECIR](#)): standards now listed in a helpful RevMan format:
  - ❖ [Protocols](#)
  - ❖ [Reviews](#)
  - ❖ [Updates](#)

Share your news and reviews

Let's connect to share your reviews and news! Follow **@CochranePaPaS** and use **#painevidence** to highlight your tweets. We routinely promote new reviews and updates on Twitter.

Let us know if you would like us to connect with a specific person or group, and please continue to send us evidence of impact, e.g. news stories and summaries of your reviews.

Let's get #painevidence out there.

Will YOU become our 1000th Follower?

Community News

- A new project has been developed to increase awareness of the importance of **research in palliative and end of life care**. This project is supported and guided by the James Linde Alliance. **Find out more**: http://www.palliativecarepsp.org.uk/

- NICE published their updated **neuropathic pain guideline** in November. **Find out more**: http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG173.

- The **Child Health Field** supports the production of reviews relevant to the needs of children. Visit their [website](#), follow on Twitter (@Cochrane_child) or join the mailing list by contacting Denise at dthomson@ualberta.ca

Evidently Cochrane

Evidently Cochrane (www.evidentlycochrane.wordpress.com) is the engaging and informative blog from the UK Cochrane Centre. In 2013 they have featured several of our reviews, most recently a summary of 6 new headache reviews in 'Migraine, Art and Medicine', and we were included on Day 16 of their Evidence Advent Calendar. We encourage our contributors to comment on these relevant blog entries, and you can even write your own guest blog: contact general@cochrane.ac.uk for more information.

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ORCID (http://orcid.org/) provides a unique digital identifier to distinguish an individual's work, for example when authors have similar names. Registration should be quick and easy, with great benefits for researchers. If you do sign up to ORCID, we would love to hear about your experience, so please email us your feedback.

News from The Cochrane Collaboration

Screening report from CEU for all new reviews

In September 2013, the Cochrane Editorial Unit (CEU) introduced a pre-publication quality assurance programme to ensure consistency and good practice. All new Cochrane intervention reviews are now screened against key criteria (primarily the MECIR standards) before they are sent for copy edit. If the screening report identifies issues that need addressing, PaPaS will contact the authors to request the required revisions. The screening process does not currently include protocols or updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Toby Lasserson, Senior Editor, or the PaPaS office.

Monitoring report 2012

Every year, CRGs complete a Monitoring Report for the CEU who collate information about our progress and performance. Many CRGs face challenges with workload and resources, and PaPaS is working tirelessly to ensure we are managing and utilising our available resources effectively.
The 2012 report has acknowledged that the time to publish a Cochrane review is 'too long and getting longer'. Between 2011 and 2012, PaPaS successfully reduced the length of time from protocol to published review from ~125 weeks to ~100 weeks. We are continually assessing our internal editorial processes to ensure we introduce efficiencies and make improvements where possible. It is our aim to continue producing timely, high quality reviews in pain, palliative and supportive care. For more information about the Monitoring Report, please contact Anna Hobson.

The Cochrane Library Technology Roadmap

The publishing contract between The Cochrane Collaboration and John Wiley & Sons was finalised in 2013, and a joint Cochrane–Wiley committee have since been developing The Cochrane Library Technology Roadmap. This technology-based project is designed to enhance the user experience of The Cochrane Library website and its content. 'Publish When Ready' was launched in June, and 'Altmetrics' now gives article-level metrics for each review from sources such as Facebook and Twitter. You can read more here (www.cochrane.org/community/development-projects/cochrane-library-technology-roadmap)- Archie log in required.

Cochrane Colloquium: 20th Anniversary

This year's 21st Colloquium was held in Quebec City, Canada, with the theme *Better Knowledge for Better Health (Un meilleur savoir pour une meilleure santé)*. If you missed it, you can watch videos of the plenaries here www.colloquium.cochrane.org/plenary-videos.