Welcome to the summer edition of the PVD newsletter - keeping you up to date with news from the editorial base in Edinburgh.

It has been another productive period for all bringing the total number of new reviews and protocols published to date in 2013 to 10 and 7 respectively. Thank you to all our editors, authors and referees whose continued hard work has made this possible. Also, thank you to the many more authors who have contributed to 13 published review updates and to all those currently working on reviews.

The PVD Group would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dr Stewart Walsh (University of Limerick, Ireland) who has taken on the role of PVD DTA Editor. We are delighted he can join us in this exciting area of our reviews.

Knowledge for Better Health is on how evidence informs health care decisions at every level – from patient to practitioner, to institutional or government policymaker.

Plenary sessions will feature international experts addressing the following topics:

- 20 years of better knowledge for better health
- Better knowledge for better health: decision-makers’ perspectives
- Better knowledge for better health: global health and equity perspectives
- The next 20 years of better knowledge

Registration for the Colloquium closes on the 6th September 2013. We hope to see you there.

Impact story
Has a PVD review changed your practice; beliefs about a treatment; or led to new research? If so we would be very interested to hear - please get in touch with the editorial base and let us know.

Cochrane community
Everyone with an Archie account can access valuable resources through the Cochrane Collaboration’s web pages. Under the Community tab, it is possible to enter author or consumer specific forums to ask advice or start a discussion. Information on improving communication includes
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advice for managing online and cross cultural collaboration. If you are preparing a presentation or applying for funding, Cochrane contributors can also access resources for presenting and promoting their and the Collaboration’s work. These include downloadable logos, power point templates and links to information including annual reports and policy documents.

Reliable and fast
Cochrane summaries went from beta to live in February 2013. The site has been developed to provide direct access to Plain Language Summaries (PLS), which are the primary access point to Cochrane evidence for a wide range of users - from patients and carers to physicians and journalists looking for quick, reliable chunks of information. The summaries also link to the full text articles within The Cochrane Library.

Talks and posters
If any of our authors have presented the findings of their reviews at meetings please let us know. We are keen to keep a record of these events. Should you be planning one in the future we would be happy to supply some promotional material for you to inform other delegates about the PVD Group and Cochrane as a whole.

Tweet tweet
If you would like notification of new PVD publications and relevant meetings follow us on Twitter:

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Impact factors
The 2012 Journal Citation Report (JCR) has been released by Thomson ISI and the Impact Factor for the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) is 5.703. The impact factor for the Peripheral Vascular Diseases Group has not yet been released and will be included in our next newsletter.

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34,230 - total number of times the CDSR was cited in 2012 (up from 29,593 in 2011) meaning the CDSR receives the 6th highest number of citations in its category

1418 - total number of new and updated reviews published in 2012 (up from 1306 in 2011).

New reviews, protocols and review updates published since the winter 2012 newsletter

New reviews

- Stent graft types for endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysms Duffy JMN, Rolph R, Clough RE, Modarai B, Taylor P, Waltham M
- Subintimal angioplasty for chronic lower limb arterial occlusion Chang ZH, Liu ZY
- Rutosides for prevention of post-thrombotic syndrome Morling JR, Yeoh SE, Kolbach DN
- Rutosides for treatment of post-thrombotic syndrome Morling JR, Yeoh SE, Kolbach DN
- Low molecular weight heparin for prevention of microvascular occlusion in digital replantation Chen Y-C, Chi C-C, Chan FC, Wen Y-W
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- Warfarin initiation nomograms for venous thromboembolism Garcia P, Ruiz W, Loza Munarriz C
- Interventions for implementation of thromboprophylaxis in hospitalized medical and surgical patients at risk for venous thromboembolism Kahn SR, Morrison DR, Cohen JM, Emes J, Tagalakis V, Roussin A, Geerts W
- Padma 28 for intermittent claudication Morling JR, Maxwell H, Stewart M

New protocols

- Endovascular repair versus open repair for inflammatory abdominal aortic aneurysms Capoccia L, Riambau V
- Transperitoneal versus retroperitoneal approach for elective open abdominal aortic aneurysm repair Ma B, Zhang Y, Pan H, Yang K
- Primary prophylaxis for venous thromboembolism in people undergoing major amputation of the lower extremity Robertson L, Roche A
- Endovascular revascularisation versus conservative management for intermittent claudication Fakhry F, Fokkenrood HJP, Rouwet EV, Teijink JAW, Spronk S, Hunink MGM
- Physical exercise for the treatment of non-ulcerated chronic venous insufficiency Araujo DN, Ribeiro CTD, Maciel ACC, Bruno SS, Fregonezi GAF, Dias FAL

Updated reviews

- Intravenous immunoglobulin as adjuvant therapy for Wegener’s granulomatosis Fortin PM, Tejani AM, Bassett K, Musini VM
- Spinal cord stimulation for non-reconstructable chronic critical leg ischaemia Ubbink DT, Vermeulen H
- Buflomedil for intermittent claudication de Backer TLM, Vander Stichele R
- Prostanoids for intermittent claudication Robertson L, Andras A
- Garlic for peripheral arterial occlusive disease Jeppson RG, Kleijnen J, Leng GC
- Treatment for superficial thrombophlebitis of the leg Di Nisio M, Wichers IM, Middeldorp S
- Clinically-indicated replacement versus routine replacement of peripheral venous catheters Webster J, Osborne S, Rickard CM, New K
- Surgery versus thrombolysis for initial management of acute limb ischaemia Berridge DC, Kessel DO, Robertson I
- Surgery for varicose veins: use of tourniquet Rigby KA, Palfreyman SJ, Beverley C, Michaels JA
- Ginkgo biloba for intermittent claudication Nicolai SPA, Kruidenier LM, Bendorunder BLW, Prins MH, Stokmans RA, Broos PPHL, Teijink JAW
- Omega-3 fatty acids for intermittent claudication Campbell A, Price J, Hiatt WR
- Once versus twice daily low molecular weight heparin for the initial treatment of venous thromboembolism Bhutia S, Wong PF
- Homocysteine lowering interventions for peripheral arterial disease and bypass grafts Andras A, Stansby G, Hansrani M
Training
If you are new to writing a Cochrane review, please consider attending a workshop or meeting. Details of training opportunities can be found both through the PVD website and the Cochrane training pages.

Meetings and conferences
Within the last six months, the PVD Group has been represented at the Cochrane UK and Ireland 21st Anniversary Symposium, UK; the 35th Charing Cross International Symposium, UK; and the European Venous Forum in Belgrade, Serbia.

It is always a pleasure to meet face to face with our editors, authors and referees whose continued involvement with the PVD Group is much appreciated. We look forward to meeting more current and new contributors during 2013.

Some future meetings you may be interested in include:

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Statistically valid
The University of New South Wales medical school has online tutorials explaining topics such as chi squared and t-test, rates, ratios and risk (http://web.med.unsw.edu.au/QMP/QMPHome.htm). Well worth a look to clarify what can be tricky issues.

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