

The Cochrane Peripheral Vascular Diseases Group

2013 summer newsletter

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.

Publish when ready

It is now possible to publish all Cochrane updates, reviews and protocols as soon as they are ready for publication instead of waiting for a monthly publication date. This continuous publishing model (Publish When Ready) replaces the monthly publication model introduced in 2010 and brings benefits to those who read and use Cochrane Reviews; our authors; and Cochrane Review Group by:

- providing rapid publication of all Cochrane Reviews; and

- increasing flexibility by giving the Cochrane Review Groups the option to choose to publish immediately or select a publication date and time to fit in with other needs - such as alongside a press release.

Although a complex project for the production and publication elements, there are no major changes for our authors. Once the article is marked for publication by the PVD editorial base, authors will receive information on how to complete their 'Licence for publication' forms. Every 15 minutes Wiley will collect Cochrane reviews marked for publication from Archie. From the release of the article to Wiley - and once all authors have submitted their forms - it will take a maximum of two hours to process and publish the articles. Therefore, from the time Cochrane reviews are released from Archie to Wiley, it will take a maximum of 2 hours and 15 minutes to appear in the CDSR.

21st Cochrane Colloquium

The PVD Group is looking forward to travelling to Quebec, Canada; for the 21st Cochrane Colloquium (19th to 23rd September 2013). Colloquia bring together up to 1200 international experts (researchers, health care professionals, policy-makers and consumers) who are both Cochrane members and those who wish to learn more about the Collaboration. The focus of this year's Colloquium: **Better**

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

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:



Thank you to our [233](#) current followers. Remember to retweet and mention us when possible.

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*
- Stent graft types for endovascular repair of thoracic aortic aneurysms *Rolph R, Duffy JMN, Modarai B, Clough RE, 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*
- CHIVA method for the treatment of chronic venous insufficiency *Bellmont-Montoya S, Escibano JM, Dilme J, Martinez-Zapata MJ*



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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, Emed J, Tagalakis V, Roussin A, Geerts W*
- ⦿ Padma 28 for intermittent claudication *Morling JR, Maxwell H, Stewart M*

New protocols

- ⦿ Ultrasonography for endoleak detection after endoluminal abdominal aortic aneurysm repair *Abraha I, De Florio R, Casazza G, Duca P, Parente B, Cozzolino F, Eusebi P, Rocchi RE, Montedori A* (DTA protocol)
- ⦿ 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*
- ⦿ Pharmacological treatment of vascular risk factors for reducing mortality and cardiovascular events in patients with abdominal aortic aneurysm *Robertson L, Atallah E, Stansby G*
- ⦿ 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, Tejjink 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, Tejjani 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 *Jepson 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, Bendermacher BLW, Prins MH, Stokmans RA, Broos PPHL, Tejjink 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*



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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:

Japan Endovascular Symposium

Tokyo, Japan
29th to 30th August 2013

CIRSE – Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe Annual Meeting

Barcelona, Spain
14th to 18th September 2013

ESVS – European Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting
Budapest, Hungary
18th to 21st September 2013

21st Cochrane Colloquium
Quebec, Canada
19th to 23rd September 2013

4th EVF HOW Hands-on Workshop on Venous Disease
Stockholm, Sweden
31st October to 2nd November 2013

GB&I Vascular Society Annual Meeting
Manchester, UK
27th to 29th November 2013

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/QM/P/QMPHome.htm>). Well worth a look to clarify what can be tricky issues.

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