

Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of the PVD group newsletter. It has been all change at the editorial office during the past few months. In this newsletter you can read all about the changes. In future newsletters we will introduce you to our new faces.

In addition to the changes at the editorial base you will find details of our recently published reviews as well as details on Cochrane training opportunities and upcoming events.

If you would like to contribute to future editions of the newsletter please get in touch with the editorial team.

Changes at the Editorial Base

After 15 years in the role of Co-ordinating Editor Prof Gerry Fowkes called it a day on 1st April 2010. We cannot thank him enough for all the time and effort he has put into the PVD group.

At the same time Mrs Heather Maxwell decided it was time to retire after more than 10 years at the editorial base. Her input, first as TSC and latterly as ME will be sorely missed. Heather has accepted our invitation to become an editor so we will not lose her invaluable Cochrane knowledge altogether.

The role of Co-ordinating Editor is now shared by Gerard Stansby, Professor of Vascular Surgery in Newcastle and Jackie Price, Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh. The Managing Editor's role has been taken over by Marlene Stewart. We wish the new faces all the best in their new roles.

What's new in *The Cochrane Library*?

New Reviews

- ✓ Clinically- indicated replacement versus routine replacement of peripheral venous catheters.
- ✓ Fibrinolytic agents for acute arterial occlusion.
- ✓ Direct thrombin inhibitors versus vitamin K antagonists or low molecular weight heparin for prevention of venous thromboembolism following total hip or knee replacement or hip repair.

Protocols

- ✓ Local transplantation of autologous mononuclear cells for critical limb ischaemia.
- ✓ Angioplasty versus stenting for stenosis of the subclavian arteries.
- ✓ Heparin versus 0.9% sodium chloride intermittent flushing to prevent occlusion in central venous catheters in adults.
- ✓ Stent graft type for endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm.
- ✓ Stent graft type for endovascular repair of thoracic aortic aneurysm.
- ✓ Remote ischaemic preconditioning versus no remote preconditioning for vascular and endovascular surgical procedures.
- ✓ Primary prophylaxis for venous thromboembolism in ambulatory cancer patients receiving chemotherapy.

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Cochrane Training opportunities

Training opportunities organised by The Cochrane Collaboration are available all over the world. If you are new to writing a Cochrane review consider attending one or more of the workshops. They will help you on your way to successfully writing your review. For more details visit <http://www.cochrane.org/events/w-shops/all>.

September

9: Preparing a DTA systematic review workshop, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

28: Developing a protocol for a review workshop, York UK

29: Introduction to analysis workshop, York, UK

November

2: Beginning a systematic review protocol workshop, Belfast, Ireland

3: The Methods section of the protocol workshop, Belfast, Ireland

8-12: Systematic review protocol completion and review update workshop, Vellore, India

15-19: Cochrane review completion and update program, Melbourne, Australia

17: Analysis methods for systematic review workshop s, Oxford, UK

December

1: Cochrane review completion and update program, Sydney, Australia

2-3: Developing a protocol and introduction to analysis workshop, Sydney, Australia

7: Beginning a systematic review protocol workshop, Liverpool, UK

8: The methods section of the protocol workshop, Liverpool, UK

16: Advanced topics in the analysis and reporting of systematic reviews, Oxford, UK

2010-2011 Conferences & meetings

- European Vascular Society meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 16-19 September
- Joint colloquium of the Cochrane and Campbell Collaborations. Keystone, Colorado, USA, 18-22 October
- Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Brighton, UK, 24-26 November

New Editors

Professor Tom Wakefield has, after many years as a Cochrane editor, taken up a new role as editor of *Atherosclerosis Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*.

We would like to thank him for his contribution to our reviews and wish him all the best in his new role.

A great set of new editors have joined the team. We would like to welcome Mr Paul Bachoo, Dr Stavros Kakkos, Mr Timothy Lees and Mrs Heather Maxwell to our team.

Cochrane News

❖ The 2009 impact factors (IF) have now been published by Thomson ISI. The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews has an IMPACT FACTOR of 5.653 and is ranked 11th out of 132 in the ISI category Medicine, General & Internal. For more information visit the following link: <http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/SpringboardWebApp/userfiles/ccoch/file/Impact%20Factor/2009%20Impact%20Factor.pdf>

❖ The Lancet have announced that they will ask authors of all research reports submitted after August 1 2010 to put their work into the context of what has gone before, by either reporting their own, up-to-date systematic review or citing a recent systematic review done by others. This is important recognition of systematic reviews as a key element in understanding the findings from all new research. We hope that the Lancet policy will improve things and will lead to even greater prominence of systematic reviews across the research literature. The editorial is available here: [http://www.lancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(10\)61001-X/fulltext](http://www.lancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(10)61001-X/fulltext)

Can you help?

We are looking for consumer referees who are willing to help us with reviewing protocols and reviews from a consumer perspective. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact us at the editorial base for more information.

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