South African Cochrane Centre Outputs
January – December 2012

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED/INDEXED)

COCHRANE PROTOCOLS


7. Mbabazi E, Uthman OA, Young T. Optimal timing for discontinuation of Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia prophylaxis in adult patients on highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) for HIV infection. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2012 Jan 18;1:CD009556

COMMENTS


CONFERENCES

International

Invited speaker


Oral Presentation


2. Abrams A, Pienaar E, Zani B, Lutje V, Kredo T. Threading the needle we found in the Haystack - identifying on-going trials with the Pan African Clinical Trials Registry. 20th Cochrane Colloquium, Auckland, New Zealand. 30 September - 3 October 2012


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3. Abrams A, Kredo T, Pienaar E, Zani B, Lutje V. Descriptive analysis of timing of clinical trial registration and publication in ICMJE accredited journals. ACTNow Conference and EQUATOR Symposium, Freiburg, Germany. 11-12 October 2012


7. Abrams A, Pienaar E. Threading the needle we found in the haystack – identifying ongoing trials with the Pan African Clinical Trials Registry. 17th Annual UK and Ireland-based Cochrane Contributors Meeting, Loughborough, UK. 20-21 March 2012


Workshop Facilitator

1. Pienaar E, Oliver J. RevMan 5 - learn to use the new features hands-on. 20th Cochrane Colloquium, Auckland, New Zealand. 30 September - 3 October 2012

Local

Plenary Speaker


Oral Presentation


3. Young T. Research synthesis: an important element for evidence informed decision making. NCD Colloquium, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town. 25 May 2012

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PUBLICATIONS (TECHNICAL AND OTHER)

Technical Summaries


3. Okwundu C. Mobile phone text-messaging for promoting adherence to antiretroviral therapy in people with HIV infection. SACC Newsletter. July 2012

Other


2. Siegfried N, **Volmink J, Kredo T.** Letter to the Cape Times in response to Prof Tim Noakes’ article on dietary fat intake. September 2012


4. **Okwundu C.** Produced a podcast for the Cochrane Review Antiretroviral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for preventing HIV in high-risk individuals which was featured on *The Cochrane Library* website. July 2012

5. **Volmink J.** Produced a podcast for the Cochrane Review Pycnogenol® for the treatment of chronic disorders which was featured on *The Cochrane Library* website. March 2012

TEACHING AND TRAINING

**Lectures**

1. The Cochrane Collaboration and social science: an introduction to the Cochrane Collaboration, systematic reviews and one social scientists’ experience. University of Edinburgh, UK. 20 November 2012

2. Clinical trial registration – what do trialists need to know? Lecture at the MUTHI course, University of the Western Cape. Cape Town. 5 September 2012


4. Systematic reviews recap session. Lecture to the MClinEpi students (SR module), Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 16 August 2012

5. Risk of bias in systematic reviews. Lecture to the MClinEpi students (SR module), Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 16 August 2012

6. Clinical practice guidelines. Lecture to the MPH students (EBM module), University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 15 August 2012

7. Defining the review question and developing criteria for selecting studies. Lecture to the MClinEpi students (SR module), Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 18 July 2012

8. What are systematic reviews and where do you find them. Lecture to the MClinEpi students (SR module), Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 18 July 2012

9. Searching for relevant studies. Lecture to the MClinEpi students (SR module), Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 18 July 2012


11. Clinical practice guidelines: their quality and availability within SADC. Speaker at Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine, Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 7 June 2012

12. The who, what, where, why and when of clinical trial registration. Lecture given to University of Cape Town Pharmacology students, TESA course. Cape Town. 5 June 2012

13. Systematic reviews and The Cochrane Collaboration. Session to MSc in Clinical Epidemiology students at Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 16 March 2012

14. Evidence-based practice and systematic reviews. Lecture given to 4th year Public Health students at the University of Cape Town. Cape Town. 2 February 2012; 9 March 2012

**Workshops**


2. Four-day primer for systematic reviews and research synthesis four-day workshop. Poltechnic of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia. 20-23 November 2012


5. Primer for systematic reviews and research synthesis. Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. 30 July-2 August 2012
6. GRADE and Summary of Findings Table workshop. Calabar, Nigeria. 9-10 July 2012
7. GRADE and Summary of Findings Table workshop. Cape Town. 4-6 June 2012
13. Evidence-based practice, systematic reviews and how to register clinical trials. Workshop for Masters in Public Health Dentistry students at the University of the Western Cape. Cape Town. 20 February 2012
14. Evidence-based practice, systematic reviews and The Cochrane Library. Workshop for MPhil Rehabilitation students at Stellenbosch University. Cape Town. 15 February 2012

INTELLECTUAL INPUT

International

Abrams A

Kredo T
1. Peer reviewer, Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. August 2012
2. Member, Cochrane Centre Directors' Executive. March 2012 - ongoing
3. Member, Cochrane Colloquium Workshop Committee. February 2012 - June 2012
5. Member, Cochrane Training Network. September 2011 - ongoing
6. Director, South African Training Centre for World Health Organization, Division of Global Learning Opportunities for Vaccine Quality. 2009 - ongoing
7. Member, Consultative Group for World Health Organization, Division of Global Learning Opportunities for Vaccine Quality. 2009 - ongoing

Oliver J
1. Member, Cochrane Mentorship Working Group. June 2012 - ongoing
3. Member, Cochrane Colloquium Developing Country Stipend Committee. March 2012 - June 2012
4. Member, Cochrane Monitoring and Registration Committee. October 2006 - October 2012

Pienaar E
2. Peer reviewer, European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy. November 2012
6. Member, Cochrane Colloquium Workshop Committee. February 2012 - June 2012
9. Member, RevMan 5 Documentation Subgroup. 2007 - ongoing

**Volmink J**
2. Member, Expert Panel Evaluation of the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium. June 2012
3. Chair, Chronic Diseases Initiative in Africa Governing Board. April 2012 - ongoing
4. Chair, Belgian Red Cross First Aid Guidelines for Africa Committee. February 2009 - ongoing
5. Honorary Teaching Fellow, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. 2001 - 2015

**Young T**
4. Peer reviewer, Cochrane Methodology Group. February 2012
5. Editor, Cochrane Occupational Health Review Group. 2010 - ongoing
7. Section Editor, Cochrane Column in International Journal of Epidemiology. 2005 - ongoing

**Zani B**
1. Peer reviewer, Systematic Reviews Journal. October 2012

**Local**

**Abrams A**
1. Peer reviewer, SAJS. July 2012
2. SACC Representative, MRC Young Scientists Forum. January 2010 - September 2012

**Kredo T**
1. External Lecturer, Department of Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University. July 2010 - June 2013
2. External Lecture Division of Pharmacology, Department of Medicine, Stellenbosch University. July 2010 - June 2013
3. Member, SAHealthInfo Website Editorial Board. May 2010 - ongoing
4. Member, HIV Adult Advisory Committee of the Western Cape. 2006 - ongoing

**Pienaar E**
1. Member, SAHealthInfo Website Editorial Board. May 2010 - ongoing

**Volmink J**
1. Evaluator, NRF rating application. October 2012
2. Member, ASSAf Standing Committee on Health. 2011 - ongoing
3. Member, Colleges of Medicine of SA of Finance and General Purposes. 2011 - ongoing
4. Member, Hamilton Naki Clinical Fellowship Committee. 2010 - ongoing
5. Member, Heart and Stroke Foundation Scientific Committee. October 2010 - ongoing
6. Council Member, Academy of Science of South Africa. 2004 - 2012

**Young T**
1. External examiner. MPH, University of Cape Town. June 2012
2. Editor, Current Allergy and Clinical Immunology. 2006 - ongoing

**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
1. Seventeen participants (3 Kenya, 1 Uganda, 2 Nigeria, 1 Malawi, 10 South Africa) attended a GRADE workshop hosted by the SACC. The workshop was funded by the SACC
2. Nine participants (2 Nigeria, 7 South Africa) attended a HIV/AIDS Cochrane Review Progress school hosted by the SACC. The workshop was funded by the SACC
3. Sixteen first-time authors are receiving mentoring through the SACC HIV/AIDS Mentoring Programme.
4. MRC research staff and researchers from local institutions attend the SACC monthly systematic review problem-busting sessions. Cochrane Review authors are given the opportunity to present their work, receive feedback and assistance with the preparation of their reviews.