Welcome to the first edition of the CNCF newsletter for 2011

This year will mark our second year in the Cochrane Collaboration which means a busy year ensuring we continue with all our 2010 activities as well as launching a range of new initiatives. The Field is growing fast and we hope to continue our mission of improving health care outcomes by increasing the use of the Cochrane Library by nurses and others involved in nursing care.

Interesting Cochrane Fact

In 2010, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews received an Impact Factor of 5.653 in the 2009 Journal Citation Reports, a 9% rise on the previous year. It is estimated that in 2009 The Cochrane Library was searched every second, an abstract was viewed every two seconds, and a full text Cochrane Review was downloaded every three seconds!

IJNP CNCF Section

December 2010 saw the 3rd instalment of the CNCF Section in the International Journal of Nursing Practice. Features were on the clinical trials database node, the traditional Chinese node as well as an article on understanding statistical data used in systematic reviews. Please check it out.

Reminder: CNCF Mentorship Program

The Review Support/CRG Liaison node has continued its work on developing a mentorship program. The aim of the program is to establish links between novice systematic review authors with those more experienced in order to expand the number of nursing care-related Cochrane reviews and to enhance experiences of novice review authors. This in turn has the potential to enhance the capacity to perform systematic reviews in the nursing profession.

If you have any questions about mentorship or are wondering how you may be able to contribute please contact Dr Allyson Lipp the coordinator of the mentorship scheme alipp@glam.ac.uk.

Cochrane Nursing Care Corner Columns

The following columns have been published over the past few months:

• Luos C & Chub J. Can the repositioning of patients with pressure ulcers contribute to wound healing, Nursing Times 2010 106(46):17.


Our first translated column was published in the German Journal ‘Die Schwester Der Pfleger’ (2011 50(1):87-89). It was based on the following summary:

- Lun C. Low Protein Diets for Chronic Kidney Disease in Non-Diabetic Adults, Renal Society of Australasia 2010 6(1):25

A special thanks to Sabine Lins for translating.

We were also lucky enough to feature in the latest editorial of Public Health Nursing titled ‘Public Health Nursing Initiates Publication of Cochrane Nursing Care Field Review Summaries’

New Journal Agreements!

We have finalised agreements with Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Advanced Practice Nursing and Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing. The Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing, Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing and American Journal of Nursing have also decided to continue collaborating with us in 2011.

Podcasts

Five new podcasts are available online at http://cncf.cochrane.org/podcasts Four are based on published Nursing Care Columns and the other is on the Fundamentals of Care Node Activities.

To ensure the speedy development of new podcasts we have refined our processes. From now on the podcast editor will develop each podcast script and send it out to the summary author for review. Like before the summary author will be invited to narrate the podcast.

Other News from Cochrane

- The Cochrane Collaboration has been accepted as a Non-Governmental Organization in Official Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). This relationship with WHO has awarded the Collaboration a seat at the World Health Assembly.

- The Cochrane Collaboration is delighted to welcome Lorne Becker as its Cochrane Website Liaison Consultant. This new post will oversee the strategic direction of the Collaboration’s website and its links to other Cochrane web services, aiming to improve the level of outreach and support to all Cochrane contributors.

- The 2011 schedule for training for Cochrane authors in Australia is now available at http://acc.cochrane.org/timetable-registration.

Newsletters that may be of interest to you: