



### **Free access to *The Cochrane Library* in New Brunswick**

All New Brunswick residents will soon have free access to *The Cochrane Library*, thanks to funding from:

- the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Libraries;
- the New Brunswick Public Library Service; and
- the eight Regional Health Authority Libraries.

Staff at UNB and the Health Regions can access the Library now at [www.thecochranelibrary.com](http://www.thecochranelibrary.com). For others in New Brunswick, access is coming soon through the [New Brunswick Public Library Service](#).

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### **What's new in *The Cochrane Library***

The latest Issue of *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 3, 2006, was released on June 19 June 2006, including 111 new reviews. Here are some highlights:

- [Acupuncture for neck disorders](#) – a team at McMaster University in Hamilton – found moderate evidence that acupuncture can help relieve chronic neck pain.
- [Breastfeeding or breast milk for procedural pain in neonates](#) – a team at Mt Sinai Hospital in Toronto found that breastfeeding alleviates the pain of needle pricks when blood is drawn for testing of newborn babies. A summary appears on the [BBC website](#).
- [EMLA and Amethocaine for reduction of children's pain associated with needle insertion](#) – a team at the University of Alberta in Edmonton found that local anaesthetic creams can make blood tests and intravenous drips pain free for children, but only if the creams are used properly. Practitioners and children found Amethocaine better than EMLA.
- [Oral versus intravenous rehydration for treating dehydration due to gastroenteritis in children](#) – a team at the University of Alberta in Edmonton found that oral rehydration is just as effective as intravenous rehydration for children suffering from gastroenteritis.

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### **Evidence-Based Child Health: A Cochrane Review Journal**

Wiley is delighted to announce the launch of Evidence-Based Child Health: A Cochrane Review Journal. The journal features recent Cochrane reviews on child health topics, along with evidence summaries and expert commentaries to present the evidence in clinical context. In the first issue:

- Chest radiograph in acute respiratory infections in children
- Alarm interventions for nocturnal enuresis in children.
- Preoperative fasting for preventing perioperative complications in children.
- Interventions to prevent hypothermia at birth in preterm and/or low birthweight babies

To access a free copy, go to [www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com](http://www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com) and enter your (free) Wiley InterScience login and password. Academic, hospital, and government institutions receive the first four issues free – register at [www3.interscience.wiley.com/jcatalog/subscribe.jsp?issn=1557-6272](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/jcatalog/subscribe.jsp?issn=1557-6272).

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### **Canada Research Chair appointments**

Two of our Canadian Cochrane Network Site Representatives have been awarded Canada Research Chairs, among 90 appointments announced on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Dr. France Légaré was appointed a Canada Research Chair in Shared Decision-Making in Primary Care at Université Laval, and Dr. Nicole Letourneau was appointed a Canada Research Chair in Healthy Child Development at the University of New Brunswick. These awards will provide five years of funding for continued research in these areas. We send our warm congratulations to France and Nicole.

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## New staff at the CCNC

We welcome two new members of staff to the CCNC. MaryEllen Schaafsma joins us as Executive Director, taking day-to-day leadership of the activities of the CCNC. MaryEllen comes to us from the Conference Board of Canada, and has extensive experience working in healthcare and community organisations. MaryEllen can be contacted at [schaafsm@uottawa.ca](mailto:schaafsm@uottawa.ca), or phone 613 562 5800 x5224.

Cheryl Arratoon is the CCNC's new Knowledge Broker, bringing us a wealth of experience from her work at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health. Cheryl will be working closely with Canadian health professional and consumer groups to expand our knowledge translation activities. Cheryl can be contacted at [carratoo@uottawa.ca](mailto:carratoo@uottawa.ca), or phone 613 562 5800 x2085.

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## Consumer stipends for the Dublin Colloquium

Congratulations to Liz Whamond (New Brunswick) and Katie LeBlanc (Ontario), the two Canadians who were lucky enough to receive stipends as healthcare consumers to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Cochrane Colloquium, to be held this October in Dublin, Ireland. Liz is a collaborator with the Cochrane Breast Cancer Group, and is a leader with the international Cochrane Consumer Network. Katie is a collaborator with the Cochrane Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Functional Bowel Disorders Group (based in London, Ontario) and the Complementary Medicines Field. We are very pleased that these two will be able to join us in Dublin for a rich and exciting program of meetings, scientific presentations and training workshops, and an opportunity to meet up with consumers and other collaborators from around the world.

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## Recent events

The Canadian Cochrane Centre and the various Cochrane Groups and Network Sites have conducted a number of successful presentations and workshops across Canada in recent months:

- a research methods workshop in the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Calgary, AB;
  - seminars on the utilization of Cochrane evidence in decision-making for the Canadian Population Health Initiative and the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health in Ottawa, ON;
  - a presentation on health informatics and refereeing for healthcare consumers in Lunenburg, NS;
  - an introductory workshop at International Congress of the Faculty of Nursing, Beirut, Lebanon;
  - a workshop for new Cochrane authors delivered by videoconference to Lac-St-Jean, Chicoutimi and Trois-Rivières, QC;
  - an introductory seminar for staff at the Hôpital St-François d'Assise in Quebec City, QC; and
  - a workshop for new Cochrane authors for the Ontario HIV Treatment Network in Toronto, ON;
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## Coming events

13-18 August 2006

[XVI International AIDS Conference](#)  
Toronto, ON

24 August 2006

[Presentation: Towards evidence based implementation of evidence based health care](#)  
with Jeremy Grimshaw  
University of Calgary, AB

25 September 2006

[Lunchtime session](#) with consumer Liz Whamond  
University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB

18 October 2006

[The Cochrane Library](#) Issue 4, 2006, published

23-26 October 2006

[14<sup>th</sup> Cochrane Colloquium](#), Dublin, Ireland

23-27 October 2006

[Journées annuelles de santé publique](#)  
Montréal, QC

27 October 2006

[Workshop: Introduction to systematic reviews](#)  
Calgary, AB

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