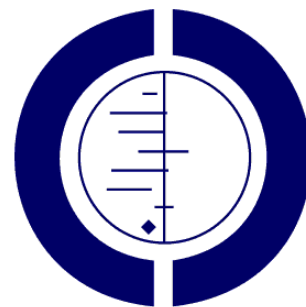


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# Cochrane Bone, Joint and Muscle Trauma Group



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## Welcome to the new issue of the Bone, Joint & Muscle Trauma Group Newsletter.

Greetings to All.

Particularly with the arrival of RevMan 5 and the new methodology described in the revised Cochrane Reviewer's Handbook, this year has been one of considerable change for all involved in Cochrane activities. I would like to record my appreciation to the sterling work of the editorial base staff - Lindsey Elstub, Joanne Elliott and Amy Kavanagh - in providing support to our Group's reviewers in general, and especially over the hectic period of transition from RevMan 4 to RevMan 5. Special thanks to Amy for getting all those conversions done in time.

Without doubt, the additional methods (e.g. assessment of risk of bias) and features (e.g. the Characteristics of studies awaiting classification table) of Cochrane reviews will raise the quality, consistency and value of Cochrane reviews. However, these have added to the work

authors, editors and the editorial team - and completing a Cochrane review has got harder. Recognising this, the Group editors decided on a pragmatic and gradual approach to implementation of new methods for updates of already published reviews. Some changes (e.g. not summing methodological quality scores) are, however, still mandatory.

There are several articles showing that Cochrane reviews are already superior in quality and thus in reliability to many others published elsewhere. This certainly applies to those from our Group. And our reviews have been used in various ways, individually and collectively, such as evidence-based guidelines and underpinning grant applications for further research. These are no small achievements and the continuing contribution of the Group members to the production of these key summaries of the evidence remains vital to informing and ultimately improving healthcare in our area.

With very best wishes for 2009,

*Helen Handoll*

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**New from the Bone, Joint and Muscle Trauma Group  
in *The Cochrane Library*, Issue 1, 2009**

**New protocols**

- Rehabilitation interventions for improving physical and psychosocial functioning after hip fracture in older people
- Computer assisted surgery for knee ligament reconstruction

**Updated reviews**

- Vitamin D and vitamin D analogues for preventing fractures associated with involutional and post-menopausal osteoporosis

Issue 1, 2009 will  
be published on  
21st January 2009

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UK and Ireland  
Contributors to The  
Cochrane Collaboration**

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**Vacant Titles/Topic Areas**

- ◆ Interventions for improving compliance with hip protectors in older people
- ◆ Interventions for preventing soft tissue injuries of the knee
- ◆ Interventions for treating fractures of the fifth metatarsal in adults
- ◆ Orthotic devices for treating patellofemoral pain syndrome
- ◆ Radiotherapy for the prevention of heterotopic ossification in total hip arthroplasty
- ◆ Rehabilitation after surgery for extensor tendon injuries in the hand
- ◆ Wrist protectors for preventing acute wrist injuries



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## Cochrane Prioritisation Project: Update

### Delivering on priorities: Developing and implementing effective collaboration between a Cochrane Review Group and a Cochrane Field

Funded by the Prioritisation Projects Fund, we have developed and are piloting a framework for effective collaboration between the BJMT Group and the Health Care of Older People Field, convened by Professor David Stott.

The pilot centres on hip fracture rehabilitation; the majority of patients are old, the societal burden is immense and growing, and there are important gaps in coverage by Cochrane Reviews

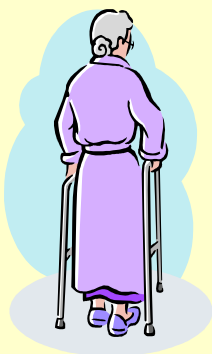
To help measure the success of our strategy we have identified priority topics for two reviews and we have jointly developed strategies for delivering these in a timely fashion. The protocols of both of these reviews have now been published:

1. 'Rehabilitation interventions for improving physical and psychosocial functioning after hip fracture in older people'

2. 'Multidisciplinary rehabilitation for older people with hip fractures' (a revision with expanded scope of an existing review, 'Co-ordinated multidisciplinary approaches for inpatient rehabilitation of older patients with proximal femoral fractures')

It is anticipated that the Field will be able to assist the BJMT Group in publishing these reviews by providing referees, methodological expertise and consumer input. We will also work together on ways to enhance dissemination of review findings in this area as well as placing them into a broader context.

We hope these processes will result in enhanced products that draw benefit from combining the different perspectives and strengths of the two entities in a common purpose.



## Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions (Version 5).

The release of RevMan 5.0.17 on 1st December marks the final stage in the full release of the substantially revised Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions (Version 5).

The Handbook provides guidance on how to prepare and maintain Cochrane Intervention reviews and Cochrane Overviews of reviews. The current version of the Handbook is 5.0.1. It is available in the following formats:

### 1. Browseable

Online: at [www.cochrane-handbook.org](http://www.cochrane-handbook.org)

Offline: within RevMan (5.0.17 or later). See [www.cochrane.org/RevMan](http://www.cochrane.org/RevMan). Also includes guidance on Cochrane Methodology Reviews.

### 2. Commercial book

Published by Wiley-Blackwell on 26 Sep 2008. See [www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470699515.html](http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470699515.html)

### 3. Printable

PDF files are available only to members of the Collaboration for the purposes of review authoring and training.

Located in Archie / Resources / Handbook Advisory Group / Files. See [www.archie.cochrane.org](http://www.archie.cochrane.org)

## Cochrane News

### The Collaboration appoints a new Editor-in-Chief

The Cochrane Collaboration has announced the appointment of its first Editor-in-Chief, Dr David Tovey, who is expected to take up post in the new year. David joins the Collaboration from his current role as Editorial Director of the BMJ Groups 'Knowledge' division, responsible for BMJ Clinical Evidence and its sister product Best Treatments.

David says "I look forward to working with the Collaboration's many supporters to ensure that *The Library* remains relevant to its users, that its quality and coverage continue to grow, and that it remains at the core of healthcare decision making."

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For news, information, resources & issues affecting The Cochrane Collaboration please see the latest issue of Cochrane News at [http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/CochraneNewsIssue44\\_Final2Dec08low.pdf](http://www.cochrane.org/newslett/CochraneNewsIssue44_Final2Dec08low.pdf)



The Singapore Branch of The Australasian Cochrane Centre will host the 2009 Cochrane Colloquium from 11-14 October in Singapore. Annual Cochrane Colloquia are held to promote and develop the work of the Collaboration, and to help shape its future direction.

From February 2009 you will be able to access the colloquium website with information on scientific program, registration accommodation etc.

See <http://www.cochrane.org.au/colloquium2009/singapore.htm> for further details.

**16th Cochrane Colloquium, Freiburg**

The Cochrane Colloquium was held in Freiburg, Germany this year. Situated in the Black Forest and famous for its beautiful gothic, renaissance and baroque buildings, Freiburg was the perfect setting for a packed and informative meeting.



The theme of the Colloquium was 'Evidence in the era of globalisation'. Sessions during the Colloquium illustrated how, over the last 15 years, The Cochrane Collaboration has laid critical groundwork for world-wide evidence-based health care by producing more than 3500 systematic reviews and contributing to numerous methodological developments.

Podcasts and slidecasts of the plenary sessions can be found at [http://www.cochrane.org/multimedia/colloquium\\_2008/](http://www.cochrane.org/multimedia/colloquium_2008/)

***Need some support?***

A list of forthcoming training workshops held by Cochrane Centres around the world is available at <http://www.cochrane.org/news/workshops.htm>.

<b>Forthcoming workshops and training courses (UK)</b>	
13-14 January 2009	Developing a Protocol for a Review - 2 day workshop, Oxford, UK
15 January 2009	Introduction to Analysis, Oxford, UK
25 March 2009	Developing a Protocol for a Review, Bath, UK
26 March 2009	Introduction to Analysis, Bath, UK
12-15 May 2009	The Nottingham Systematic Review Course, Nottingham, UK

*Seasons Greetings from all of us at the Bone, Joint and Muscle Trauma Group!*

