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# CHILD HEALTH FIELD

*Newsletter*

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It has been a while since our last newsletter, so we thought we would take a moment and update all our members on the projects that have been keeping us so busy.

## **2008 Canadian Cochrane Symposium**

The 2008 Canadian Cochrane Symposium was held on March 6th and 7th, 2008. Our plenary speakers included: Trisha Greenhalgh, Tammy Clifford, Terry Klassen, Doug Altman, Brian Haynes, Martin Offringa, David Alter, Sumit Majumdar, and Carole Estabrooks. Please visit the "Program and Speakers" page of [www.ccs2008.ca](http://www.ccs2008.ca) to download podcasts from our plenary speakers or to download workshop or presentation slides from our programme.

## **Evidence-Based Child Health**

Issue 1, 2008 of *EBCH* was published in March. We are already very busy preparing issue 2 and 3 of this year's volume. Issue 1 features an overview of reviews on Autism spectrum disorders, a "Tips and Tricks" column focused on systematic reviews on diagnostic test accuracy, and commentaries focused on bicycle helmet legislation, otitis media, severe sepsis, motor and cognitive impairments in preterm infants and vesicoureteric reflux. Please visit [www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com](http://www.evidence-basedchildhealth.com) to read any of the articles referred to above.

## **Trials Register and Classic RCTs**

One of the many wonderful aspects of our Trials Register is that it will facilitate study of the development of paediatric research over the past sixty-odd years. With this historical perspective in mind, I would like to solicit your nominations for "classic" RCTs in paediatrics – in other words, trials that are significant because of the following characteristics:

- \*innovation in design characteristics under the prevailing state of knowledge at the time they were performed
- \*the consequence of their results on medical practice
- \*the fact that, in their absence, patients would have been denied access to beneficial treatments or would have been exposed to deleterious or ineffective approaches to treatment.\*

Please send your nominations to [denise.thomson@ualberta.ca](mailto:denise.thomson@ualberta.ca). Denise will compile a list of the nominees; if you would be interested in receiving this, please let the Child Health Field know. As it happens, 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the first publication of a randomised controlled trial, so we are hoping we can work up the results of this poll into an article reflecting on the development of paediatrics over this time period, to coincide with this anniversary.

## **Child Health Field Membership**

This is a reminder to all members to please update the Child Health Field when your current email address changes. As the Child Health Field communicates with its members exclusively by email, we will delete all members who do not have a working email address. Please send any updates to the following email address:

[child@ualberta.ca](mailto:child@ualberta.ca)

Alternatively, if you know of health professionals, researchers, or consumers who may like to join the Child Health Field, please refer them to the below address. Once we have received their membership form we will add them to our membership lists and they will begin to receive CHF communications.

<http://www.cochranechildhealth.ualberta.ca/join.html>

## **Additional Information**

If you would like additional information on the Child Health Field, please visit our website at:

[www.cochranechildhealth.ualberta.ca](http://www.cochranechildhealth.ualberta.ca)

Alternatively, please email us at: [child@ualberta.ca](mailto:child@ualberta.ca) or [krystal.harvey@ualberta.ca](mailto:krystal.harvey@ualberta.ca)