

## Forthcoming evidence-based courses and conferences

### 27–31 March 2006

Randomised Controlled Trials Course: A Guide to Design, Analysis, Interpretation and Reporting  
*Oxford, UK*

This course, based at Oriel College, provides a thorough grounding in the principles and practice of randomised controlled trials for the evaluation of healthcare interventions. It will include talks and workshops that give guidance on the methodology of trials using a problem-based learning approach.

Further details can be found at [www.csm-oxford.org](http://www.csm-oxford.org) or contact Tracy Edwards, Centre for Statistics in Medicine, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD, UK (Tel: +44 (0) 1865 284402).

### 28 March 2006

Developing a Protocol for a Review  
*York, UK*

This workshop is run by the UK Cochrane Centre Training team. It is aimed at authors who are working on or planning to start work on a protocol. The day focuses on small group work, where individuals will have the opportunity to work with the detail of their review question, including the intervention, participants and outcome. Places on the workshop are limited to authors of Cochrane Review Groups who have registered a review title.

For more information contact Lisa Horwill (E-mail: [lhorwill@cochrane.co.uk](mailto:lhorwill@cochrane.co.uk)).

### 29 March 2006

Introduction to Analysis  
*York, UK*

This workshop is run by the UK Cochrane Centre Training team. It is aimed at participants who are new to systematic reviews within The Cochrane Collaboration. The workshop is intended as an introduction to the methodology of systematic reviews including some introductory statistics as outlined below. The workshop will cover: Introduction to meta-analysis; Applying eligibility criteria; Binary data; Extracting data; Continuous data; Heterogeneity; Publication bias. Places on the workshop are limited to authors of Cochrane Review Groups who have registered a review title.

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### 9 May 2006

Developing a Protocol for a Review  
*Bath, UK*

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### 10 May 2006

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*Bath, UK*

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### 15–19 May 2006

The Seventh Oxford Course in Evidence-based Dentistry  
*Oxford, UK*

Further information can be found at [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd/healthsciences/courses/short\\_courses/Evidence\\_Based\\_dentistry/default.asp](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd/healthsciences/courses/short_courses/Evidence_Based_dentistry/default.asp) or contact Phoebe Chen, Continuing Professional Development Centre, University of Oxford, Suite 1, Littlegate House, 16/17 St Ebbes Street, Oxford OX1 1PT, UK.

### 30–31 May 2006

Cochrane Oral Health Group 10th Anniversary Symposium  
*Manchester, UK*

Further information can be found at [www.cochrane-oral.man.ac.uk](http://www.cochrane-oral.man.ac.uk)

### 1–2 June 2006

Evidence-based Practice in Dentistry  
*Manchester, UK*

Further information can be found at [www.cochrane-oral.man.ac.uk/ebpd.html](http://www.cochrane-oral.man.ac.uk/ebpd.html)

### 7–15 June 2006

Oxford Systematic Review Course  
*Oxford, UK*

The course, to be held at Rewley House at the Department of Continuing Education, will be delivered over 5 non-consecutive days in June 2006:

Wednesday 7th  
Friday 9th  
Monday 12th  
Wednesday 14th  
Friday 16th

Each day's programme will run from 9.30–17.00, with breaks for lunch and refreshments. Further information can be found at [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd/healthsciences/courses/short\\_courses/systematic\\_reviews/dates.asp](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd/healthsciences/courses/short_courses/systematic_reviews/dates.asp)

### 8–12 August 2006

Sixth Rocky Mountain Evidence-Based Health Care Workshop  
*Keystone CO, USA*

For information, contact Jennifer McIntyre (Tel: +1 303 315-0002; E-mail: [jennifer.mcintyre@uchsc.edu](mailto:jennifer.mcintyre@uchsc.edu)) or see [www.uchsc.edu/ebhc](http://www.uchsc.edu/ebhc)

### 4–7 September 2006

International Centre for Evidence-Based Oral Health Intensive 4-day Course in Systematic Reviews  
*London, UK*

This intensive course in systematic reviews for clinical and nonclinical professionals will be held at the International Centre for Evidence-Based Oral Health of the University College London Eastman Dental Institute ([www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk/iceboh](http://www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk/iceboh)). It is limited to 10 participants and is aimed at those who have not yet conducted a systematic review or those engaged in a review who seek supervised guidance. The Eastman is an ideal location for study being in easy reach of all London airports and train stations.

For further information, contact Shirley Goodey (E-mail: [s.goodey@eastman.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s.goodey@eastman.ucl.ac.uk)). Closing date 9 June 2006 (Note: the course is likely to be fully subscribed before this date).

#### **11–15 September 2006**

12th Oxford Workshop on Teaching Evidence-Based Practice  
*Oxford, UK*

Contact: Olive Goddard, Department of Primary Care, Old Road Campus, Headington, Oxford, UK (Tel: +44 (0) 1865 226991; Fax: +44 (0) 1865 226845; E-mail: [olive.goddard@dphpc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:olive.goddard@dphpc.ox.ac.uk)) or see [www.cebm.net/](http://www.cebm.net/)

#### **20 September 2006**

Medical Statistics: Making a Difference in Health Care  
*Oxford, UK*

The Centre for Statistics in Medicine was established in Oxford in September 1995 and for the last 10 years the principal tenet of the work has been to promote the awareness and application of appropriate statistical methods in medical research. Eight key-note speakers will provide an opportunity to reflect on the impact that the profession of medical statistics has had on medical research as a whole. The day will be enjoyed by individuals from either medical

or statistical backgrounds. The course will be based at Magdalen College.

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#### **29 November 2006**

One-day Workshop on Evidence-based Practice  
*Oxford, UK*

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#### **The Oxford Master's Programme in Evidence-based Healthcare**

The programme includes three part-time award-bearing courses: a Postgraduate Certificate, a Postgraduate Diploma and an MSc. The aim of the Postgraduate Certificate programme is to help health professionals become good consumers of health research, by giving them the skills to find evidence, appraise evidence, and use evidence to make clinical and health management decisions. The Postgraduate Diploma and MSc levels focus on developing research skills. A work–study approach to learning is used, where health professionals identify relevant research issues within their work environment, and use the structure of the Diploma and MSc modules to design research projects that can generate evidence for healthcare. There is a minimum attendance requirement of 70% for each of the taught components on each course.

Further information is available at [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/health/htmlfiles/master/masterfr.htm](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/health/htmlfiles/master/masterfr.htm)