

Forthcoming evidence-based courses and conferences

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25–26 March

“Effectiveness and beyond: What should we review?” 10th Annual Meeting for UK Contributors to the Cochrane Collaboration
Edinburgh, UK

Register at www.cochrane.org

29 March–2 April

Randomised Clinical Trials: a Practical Guide to Randomised Clinical Trial Design, Analysis, Interpretation and Reporting
Oxford, UK

This 5-day course is co-organised by Professor Doug Altman, Director of the Centre for Statistics in Medicine (CSM), Ed Juszcak (medical statistician at CSM), Professor John Geddes, Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Mental Health and Dr Mike Clarke, Director of the UK Cochrane Centre. The aim of the course is to equip participants with an appreciation of the knowledge and practical skills required to design, analyse, interpret, report and critique a randomised controlled trial (RCT). The approach will be multidisciplinary, integrating clinical epidemiology with biostatistics. The teaching will include a mixture of styles, including didactic and highly interactive sessions and will use problem-based learning with the aim of solving learner-identified problems. Note that the course is not intended to serve as an introduction to medical statistics itself.

Applications are invited from researchers and healthcare professionals interested in developing or furthering their knowledge of evaluating healthcare interventions and those planning or actively undertaking RCT. The course will be held at St Hilda's College in Oxford (www.sthildas.ox.ac.uk/).

For further details, see www.cebm.net or www.ihs.ox.ac.uk/csm/

5–7 April

Workshop on the Practice of Evidence-Based Medicine
Oxford, UK

This 3-day workshop, chaired by Professor Paul Glasziou, Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine and Editor of *Evidence-Based Medicine*, is intended to serve as an introduction to evidence-based medicine. It is aimed at clinicians and other health professionals who wish to gain knowledge of critical appraisal and experience in the practice of evidence-based healthcare. This workshop will be held at St Hilda's College (www.sthildas.ox.ac.uk/).

For further details, see <http://www.cebm.net>

10–14 May

Evidence-Based Dentistry, 2- or 5-day course
Oxford, UK

The Oxford centre is offering a 2-day introductory course or a longer 5-day course in evidence-based dentistry. The course has

been specifically developed for dentists and other oral healthcare professionals who either want an introduction to evidence-based dentistry or who wish to further their understanding of the evidence-based approach. The course aims to provide participants with an understanding of the background to the evidence-based approach. It will also cover the basic skills necessary to apply the evidence-based approach in dentistry.

Further details are available at www.conted.ox.ac.uk/health/htmlfiles/dentistry/dentfr.htm

3–5 June

Cochrane Oral Health Group Evidence-based Dentistry in Practice, 3-day course
Manchester, UK

The course timetable is arranged into the following sections:

Day 1: Introduction, meeting colleagues and tutors, introduction to evidence-based practice in dentistry; presenting your own clinical question; levels of evidence; optional searching practice; critical appraisal of randomised controlled trials (RCT); and statistics for RCT.

Day 2: Critical appraisal of systematic reviews; statistics for meta-analysis; introduction to critical appraisal of guidelines; interpreting meta-analyses; appraisal of own evidence; and time for searching.

Day 3: Implementation strategies; introduction and individual plans; experience of others; and prizes and certificates.

The workshops will be complemented by precourse distance learning, self-directed study and mentored support.

Further details are available at www.cochrane-oral.man.ac.uk/ebp.course.htm

6–10 September

Workshop on Teaching Evidence-Based Medicine
Oxford, UK

This 5-day workshop will be chaired by Professor Paul Glasziou, Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine and Editor of *Evidence-Based Medicine*. It is aimed at clinicians and other health professionals who already have some knowledge of critical appraisal and experience in the practice of evidence-based healthcare and who want to explore issues around teaching evidence-based medicine. The workshop is not intended to serve as an introduction to evidence-based medicine itself. As well as English-speaking groups, this workshop will also facilitate Spanish-speaking groups. The workshop will be held at St Hilda's College (www.sthildas.ox.ac.uk/).

For further details, see <http://www.cebm.net>

The Oxford Master's Programme in Evidence-Based Health Care

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

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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 which 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

UK Cochrane Workshops for Reviewers January–May 2004

Developing a protocol for a review		Introduction to analysis	
Date	Location	Date	Location
15 January	Oxford	16 January	Oxford
27 January	Bristol	28 January	Bristol
9 February*	London	9 February*	London
4 March	York	5 March	York
1 April	Oxford	2 April	Oxford
28 April	Cork	29 April	Cork

*Date to be confirmed.

Further details on these and workshops run by other Cochrane Centres can be found at www.cochrane.org