

### 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 to give guidance on the methodology of trials using a problem-based learning approach.

Further information 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.

Contact Lisa Horwill by e-mail at [lhorrwill@cochrane.co.uk](mailto:lhorrwill@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 review 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, and 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**

Introduction to Analysis  
*Bath, UK*

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#### **15–19 May 2006**

The 7th 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 Ebbs 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)

#### **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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#### **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 which can generate evidence for healthcare. There is a minimum attendance requirement of 70% for each of the taught components on each course.

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