

Equity Update

Cochrane Health Equity Field and Campbell Equity Methods Group

Important Dates:

- **October 19, 2007: Response requested from the Equity Definition Task Group**
- **October 23-27, 2007: Cochrane Colloquium, Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- **October 27, 2007: Health Equity Field Open Meeting (7:30—9:00 am), Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- **October 28, 2007: GRADE Meeting, Sao Paulo, Brazil**
- **March 6-7, 2008: Canadian Cochrane Symposium, Edmonton, Canada**
- **May 12-14, 2008: Campbell Colloquium, Vancouver, Canada**

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Letter from our team

Dear Equity Colleagues,

The Cochrane Equity Field and Campbell Equity Methods Group are excited to share our first newsletter with you! We will be distributing newsletter updates twice each year: once in the fall, and once in the spring. We wel-

come your comments and feedback; we'd like our newsletter to be relevant, informative, and interesting for you, our partners and readers. Please send suggestions to Erin at emorris@uottawa.ca—thank you!

As you'll see, we've been very

busy this summer getting ready for the Cochrane Colloquium in Brazil and launching our website. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Field and Methods Group!

Best regards,

The Equity Team

Join the Equity Definition Task Group!

We are seeking members for an Equity Definition Task Group for the Cochrane Health Equity Field and Campbell Equity Methods Group.

As you know, we've been using Evans and Brown's acronym PROGRESS (Place of Residence, Race/ethnicity, Occupation, Gender, Religion/culture, Education, Socio-economic status, Social capital/networks) to classify factors across which unfair differences in health might exist. In the equity meetings in Oslo, Ottawa and London, in which you have kindly contributed, additional factors have been raised as important

aspects of equity (eg disability, sexual orientation, age). We would like to ask your thoughts on modifying PROGRESS to PROGRESS PLUS, defined as follows:

Physical, mental disability
Race/ethnicity
Occupation
Gender
Religion/culture
Education
Socioeconomic status
Social capital/networks

Policy environment
Life course, age
Urban/rural environment
Sexual orientation

We would greatly appreciate your feedback on this proposal, as well as your thoughts on validating and testing this acronym for use in Cochrane and Campbell reviews with an equity focus.

We invite you to send your feedback by **Friday, October 19th** so that we can collate replies for our open meeting in Sao Paulo (October 27, 2007 at 7:30 am, Lisboa Room, WTC Hotel, Sao Paulo). Please send your comments to Erin at emorris@uottawa.ca.

Thank you very much for your assistance.



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*We welcome your contributions—
please contact us to join our mailing
list or get involved!!*

*Congratulations to Co-
Convenor Dr. Mark
Petticrew: best wishes
in your new posting!*

Equity Checklist

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Equity Checklist—your input has been invaluable! We have a checklist ready for testing this fall, and are seeking example reviews.

A number of review groups

have kindly agreed to meet with Peter, Vivian, and Erin in Sao Paulo to discuss how our checklist may work with their own guidelines and tools. If you'd like to participate in the testing process, please let us know! We're keen to collabo-

rate with as many review groups as possible.

We also welcome feedback from review authors and peer reviewers, or any suggestions you may have for example reviews. Please contact Erin at emorris@uottawa.ca—thanks!

Our New Branding

Our Website

The Equity Field has launched our first website, accessed at www.equity.cochrane.org.

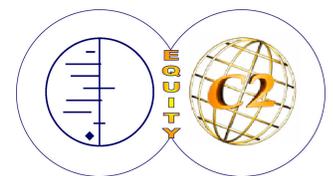
Here you can find important dates and upcoming events, updates on our activities, our publication list, and other Field information. If you have any pictures or materials that you would like to share with us, please send them to Erin at emorris@uottawa.ca; we're

happy to post equity-related information.

Our Logo

We have also developed a new logo; many thanks to Al Mayhew of the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care Group for his creative help! The Venn diagram shows that the Cochrane and Campbell Collaborations, while distinct groups, work together as well; this can also be said of

different social groups. We have chosen circles to connote warmth, and the word "equity" joining the circles illustrates that equity brings people together.



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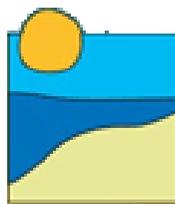
XV Cochrane Colloquium: Sao Paulo, Brazil

The Cochrane Health Equity Field will be well-represented at the Colloquium this year. Peter, Vivian, and Erin will be attending, and look forward to seeing you there.

Our Open Meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 27th**, from **7:30—9:00 am**. We invite you to bring any ideas for equity-relevant reviews to our discussion!

Open Equity Meeting Agenda

- 7:30 am Welcome!
- 7:35 am Introduction—Equity Definitions and Overviews
- 8:00 am Equity Activities
- 8:30 am Equity Tools and Discussion



Staff Update

Congratulations to Field Co-Convenor Dr. Mark Petticrew, who has just started a new position as Professor at the London School of Hygiene and

Tropical Medicine! Mark's new email address is:

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Best wishes to Mark.



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Equity-Relevant Cochrane Reviews

These citations are all from the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. They include the Cochrane Review Group with which the review is registered, along with the aspect of disadvantage examined (ie PROGRESS - Place of residence, race/ethnicity, occupation, gender, religion, education, socioeconomic status, social capital/networks). Any omissions are accidental: we welcome your suggestions if you know of any reviews we should include. Thanks!

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Bonfill X, Marzo M, Pladevall M, Martí J, Emparanza JI. Strategies for increasing the participation of women in community breast cancer screening. 2001, Issue 1. *Breast Cancer: Socioeconomic status.*

Briggs CJ, Garner P. Strategies for integrating primary health services in middle- and low-income countries at the point of delivery. 2006, Issue 2. *Effective Practice and Organisation of Care: Place of residence (low-, middle-income countries).*

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Lagarde M, Palmer N. The impact of health financing strategies on access to health services in low and middle income countries. (Protocol) 2006, Issue 3. *Effective Practice and Organisation of Care: Place of residence (low-, middle-income countries).*

Lewin SA, Dick J, Pond P, Zwarenstein M, Aja G, van Wyk B, Bosch-Capblanch X, Patrick M. Lay health workers in primary and community health care. 2005, Issue 1. *Effective Practice and Organisation of Care: Place of residence (low-, middle-income settings), Socioeconomic status.*

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- Sowden A, Stead L. Community interventions for preventing smoking in young people. 2003, Issue 1. Tobacco Addiction: Gender.
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- van de Beek D, de Gans J, McIntyre P, Prasad K. Corticosteroids for acute bacterial meningitis. 2007, Issue 1. Acute Respiratory Infections: Place of residence (low-, high-income countries).
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- Zoritch B, Roberts I, Oakley A. Day care for pre-school children. 2000, Issue 3. Developmental, Psychosocial, and Learning Problems: Place of residence, gender, socioeconomic status.