**Campbell & Cochrane Economics Methods Group**

**Update Report July 2018**

**Convenors**

Both Jacque Mallender and Kevin Marsh have, due to pressure from other commitments resigned as convenor. We would like to thank them both for all their work for and on behalf of the group over many years.

**Workshops and Colloquium**

*Cochrane Colloquium*

A Methods Workshop on brief economic commentaries will be presented at the Cochrane Colloquium in Edinburg also a satellite workshop based on the Cochrane online module on health economics. Registration for this and the other preconference workshops is open. Please could you publicise it though your usual channels. <https://colloquium.cochrane.org/satellite-workshops/introduction-economics-methods>

Note, individuals do not have to register for the conference to be able to attend any of the pre-conference workshops.

**Wider Cochrane Developments**

***Handbook***

Cochrane handbook chapter has now been accepted. This chapter focuses on the brief economic commentaries approach. To support the chapter three supplementary files are needed for the website. These will be based on material in the original draft:

* A brief outline of economic concepts
* A description of the process for the integrated full review of economic evidence
* A glossary of terms based on chapter 10 of the 2010 book “Shemilt I, Mugford M, Donaldson C, Vale L, Marsh K. Evidence based economics. Wiley Books, London, 2010.

Would anyone be willing to help prepare these? I anticipate the glossary would be the least work and the description of the process for the full integrated review the most.

***Methods group module***

This is the entry for the methods group in the Cochrane Library. It has not been updated for some time as the anticipation is that all group modules would be retired.

“The 'About The Cochrane Collaboration' database (referred to as the "About Database"), which contained the Cochrane modules, was published for the last time on 29 March 2018.

Following this change, all functionality related to the editing and publication of modules has now been removed from Archie. The modules themselves, which were previously stored as a custom document type, have been converted into plain HTML files and moved into the groups' generic Files folder. For instance, for the Hypertension Group, there is now a document under Files called "Hypertension Group module.htm". On the properties page of this document, under History, you will see a list of all the published versions of the module. **You cannot view the document versions in Archie, but you can download any version and view it in a browser.** We have only maintained published versions and the latest draft (if it existed), all other draft versions have been discarded in the conversion process.”

***Papers***

Patricia Aluko has completed a worked example of a full economic review as part of a Cochrane review with the eyes and vision group on “Interventions to increase the uptake of diabetic retinopathy screening.” The review is now published

[Interventions to increase attendance for diabetic retinopathy screening](http://scholar.google.co.uk/scholar?oi=bibs&cluster=2862617267071703926&btnI=1&nossl=1&hl=en) JG Lawrenson, E Graham‐Rowe, F Lorencatto, J Burr et al… - The Cochrane Library, 2018

As is the a report in the Journal “***Health Technology Assessment***”

[What works to increase attendance for diabetic retinopathy screening? An evidence synthesis and economic analysis](http://scholar.google.co.uk/scholar?oi=bibs&cluster=1851060751362995114&btnI=1&nossl=1&hl=en) J Lawrenson, E Graham-Rowe, F Lorencatto, S Rice et al… - Health Technology Assessment, 2018

The group is contributing to an NIHR Cochrane Programme Grant has been awarded by the Cochrane Gynaecological, Neuro-oncology & Orphan cancers (CGNOC). The title is “Putting patients’ first - answering questions posed by James Lind Alliance partnerships in under-resourced cancer areas”

The first of these reviews has now been published. This review will feed into the NICE guidelines. This review provides another example of a Brief Economic Commentary

[Intraoperative imaging technology to maximise extent of resection for glioma](http://scholar.google.co.uk/scholar?oi=bibs&cluster=1611932532197650102&btnI=1&nossl=1&hl=en). MD Jenkinson, DG Barone, A Bryant, L Vale, H Bulbeck… - The Cochrane Library, 2018

***Nominations for method group executive***

Applications are now open for Methods Convenors who wish to represent their Methods Group on the new Methods Executive.  There are two vacant positions for which experienced Methods Groups Convenors can self-nominate.  Depending on the number of applicants a vote may be held to decide who will be appointed.

 More information is available on the [Methods Website](https://methods.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-methods-executive-seeks-nominations-methods-group-convenor-representatives) and applications must be submitted through this page.  If you have any queries, please contact [methods@cochrane.org](mailto:methods@cochrane.org)

 Closing date for applications is Thursday 19th July

**Campbell update**

***Methods guide update***

The following programme of work has been agreed and any volunteers to assist would be appreciated.

a) Review of systematic reviews reporting economic methods and outcomes in Campbell library (Denny John to Lead)

b) Discussion paper on Economic Evidence in Systematic Reviews

c) Update the Campbell Economic Methods Brief

d) Initiate some work on equity considerations in cost-effectiveness analysis

A discussion on this will be held with Denny John, Campbell Collaboration in July.

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In addition to the planned revision of training materials a workshop on systematic reviews, economic evaluation and Health Technology assessment will be held in Hyderabad 16-20 July.