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Minutes PRO Methods group meeting

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- 1) Gordon Guyatt reviewed the work on the Musculoskeletal review group and Donald Patrick reported for Caroline Terwee on the Cochrane Back group. Issues being considered by the musculoskeletal group include choosing the best instruments on the basis of their measurement properties, choosing the best way of presenting results to enhance their interpretability, and obtaining estimates of effects on patient - important outcomes from surrogates.
- 2) Roy Elbers who attended from the Netherlands reported on his work with the Parkinson's review group and will be our liaison

Possible projects for the next year:

- 1) Update the review that Catherine Acquadro did of PROs in Cochrane reviews
- 2) Begin modifications of the PRO chapter in the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Intervention
- 3) Prepare a paper to publish based on the PRO chapter mentioned above with Gordon Guyatt taking the lead and doing what statistical suggestions we want without Cochrane censorship
- 4) Try and involve 2 or more persons in the group more closely (for instance Roy Elbers and Robin Christensen)
- 5) Look for an existing individual patient dataset to do some analyses – all ideas are welcome