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Highlight:
Publication of *Individual Participant Data Meta-Analysis: A Handbook for Healthcare Research*, which is a highly practical guide to the relevant concepts and methods

Research and development

- Developed a decision tree to help researchers to determine when aggregate data meta-analyses have enough information for robust clinical conclusions, and when the IPD approach might add considerable value
- Undertook pilot work exploring potential for developing topic-based IPD repositories
- Working with the Cochrane Prospective Meta-analysis Methods Group to develop global standards for data sharing
- Developing a series of papers to expand on specific topics covered in *Individual Participant Data Meta-Analysis: A Handbook for Healthcare Research*

Best practice and guidance

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Methods implementation

- Part of the Cochrane Methods Community Project Advisory Group
- Available to support Cochrane Reviews