



Cochrane Methods

Prospective Meta-analysis

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Highlight:

Uncovered a lack of coordination and collaboration in research response to COVID-19 in Australia, and explained how prospective meta-analyses and other collaborative methods can be utilised to reduce research waste and increase impact



Research and development

- Published on [quantifying the advantages of conducting a prospective meta-analysis](#) (a case study of early childhood obesity prevention)
- Published on [data sharing and trialists' plans at registration, attitudes, barriers and facilitators](#) (cohort study and cross-sectional survey)
- Finalising guidance on how to search for planned, ongoing, and unpublished studies using trial registries, which is a key early step in building a PMA collaboration
- Initiating methods projects focusing on data sharing standards, data integrity and processing



Best practice and guidance

- Published an Editorial on [prospective meta-analyses and Cochrane's role in embracing next-generation methodologies](#)
- Presented an introduction to prospective meta-analysis with Cochrane Training



Methods implementation

- Part of the Cochrane Methods Community Project Advisory Group
- Provided feedback on Cochrane's new Editorial Manager system
- Available to support Cochrane Reviews