

A core function of Methods Groups is to provide training and support. They present many workshops at Cochrane Colloquia and other regional meetings. There are also specialised training events undertaken by individual groups on specific topics. More recently Groups have been actively involved with setting up online learning modules and running webinars. The list below is not exhaustive and if need more information please see the [Methods Groups individual websites](#) for more information.

<b>25th Cochrane Colloquium, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 16-18 September 2018</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of search filters for adverse effects of medical devices in MEDLINE and Embase. Golder S, Farrah K, Mierzwinski-Urban M, Wright K, Loke YK.</li> <li>The development of search filters for adverse effects of surgical interventions in MEDLINE and Embase. Golder S, Wright K, Loke YK.</li> <li>Comparing Adverse Events Data from Systematic Reviews and Consumer Social Media Posts. Golder S, Smith K, Loke Y, Sarker A, O'Connor K, Gonzalez G.</li> </ul>	<b>AE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing risk of bias (RoB) in randomized trials: RoB 2.0; internal and external audience; approximately 100 people trained.</li> <li>The ROB-ME (Risk Of Bias due to Missing Evidence) tool: a new tool for assessing reporting biases in evidence syntheses; internal and external audience; approximately 50 people trained.</li> <li>Using ROBINS-I to assess risk of bias in non-randomized studies of interventions; internal and external audience; approximately 50 people trained.</li> </ul>	<b>BIAS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half-day pre-Colloquium workshop, "Comparing multiple interventions with network meta-analysis". Target audience: systematic reviewers, methodologists, and statisticians. For internal Cochrane audience.</li> <li>"Accounting for missing outcome data in pairwise and network meta-analysis" workshop;</li> <li>"CINeMA: a web application to evaluate the Confidence In Network Meta-Analysis results" workshop;</li> <li>"When, why and how to conduct a Cochrane overview of reviews" workshop;</li> <li>"Extending treatment ranking in network meta-analysis to account for clinical experience on treatment performance and credibility of the evidence" poster session;</li> <li>"A forward search algorithm for detection of extreme study effects in network meta-analysis" oral session. All for internal Cochrane audience.</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to economics methods</li> <li>A workshop on brief economic commentaries. A satellite workshop based on the Cochrane online module on health economics.</li> </ul>	<b>CCEc</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop, internal, 20 participants</li> </ul>	<b>CCEq</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to use the GRADE approach to assess, interpret and present evidence</li> <li>Health equity and patients included: implications for systematic reviews</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>GRADE</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving GRADE evidence profiles and 'Summary of findings' tables: detailed guidance for time-to-event data</li> <li>○ Use of Evidence to Decision frameworks in the European Breast Guidelines: increasing stakeholder involvement and transparency</li> <li>○ How to apply the new guidance for plain language summaries for Cochrane Diagnostic Test Accuracy Reviews to an example review</li> <li>○ How to assess the evidence when a statistical synthesis is not possible</li> <li>● Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Using narrative statements to communicate evidence from knowledge syntheses</li> <li>○ Delivering evidence in a patient-focused manner: the example of the European Breast Guidelines</li> <li>○ Applying CERQual to findings from a qualitative evidence synthesis on user perceptions of mHealth: discussing methodological challenges</li> <li>○ Assessing imprecision in Cochrane systematic reviews: a comparison of GRADE and Trial Sequential Analysis</li> <li>○ Defining ranges for certainty ratings of diagnostic accuracy</li> <li>○ Interpretation of patient-reported outcome measures: an inventory of over 3000 minimally important difference estimates and an assessment of their credibility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Searching for studies for inclusion in Cochrane Reviews: an introduction for Cochrane Review authors and others. JG. Internal and external. IRMG core methods workshop. c. 20 attendees.</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Systematic reviews of prognostic studies IV: meta-analysis of prognostic studies using individual participant data, facilitated by MG members Debray T, Riley R</li> <li>● Identifying who benefits most from treatments: how to analyse, present and interpret interactions in meta-analysis, facilitated by MG members Fisher D, Tierney J</li> <li>● Estimating diagnostic accuracy when primary studies selectively report cut-offs: individual participant data meta-analysis versus three methods for analyzing published data, facilitated by MG members Levis B, Thombs B, Benedetti A</li> <li>● Barriers and facilitators to sharing of individual patient data: a randomised controlled trial, facilitated by MG members Veroniki A, Stewart L, Clarke M, Tricco A</li> </ul>	<b>iPDMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion workshop on decisions about when to include NRSI in a Cochrane intervention review. The workshop presented a simple algorithm and discussed when the decision about including NRSI should be made in relation to finalising a review protocol, given the implications of including methods in the protocol for reviewing NRSI. Feedback from the workshop was very helpful in formulating the guidance in the “Including NRSI” chapter in the new Handbook.</li> <li>● Collaboration with Bias MG on a ROBINS-I workshop.</li> </ul>	<b>NRS</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues in using, interpreting, and presenting patient-reported outcomes in Cochrane Reviews. Devji T, Patrick D, Guyatt G.</li> <li>• Meta-analysis of patient-reported outcomes and application of minimal important differences to facilitate interpretation in systematic reviews and guideline development. Devji T, Carrasco-Labra A, Guyatt G, Qasim A, Phillips M, Patrick D, Johnston B, Ebrahim S, Nesrallah G, Schünemann H, Furukawa T.</li> <li>• Interpretation of patient-reported outcome measures: an inventory of over 3000 minimally important difference estimates and an assessment of their credibility Carrasco-Labra A (presenter), Devji T, Qasim A, Phillips M, Devasenapathy N, Zeraatkar D, Bhatt M, Jin X, Brignardello-Petersen R, Urqhart O, Faroutan F, Schandelmaier S, Pardo-Hernandez H, Vernooij RW, Huang W, Rizwan Y, Lytvyn L, Siemieniuk R, Johnston BC, Ebrahim S, Furukawa TA, Patrick DL, Schünemann HJ, Nesrallah G, Guyatt G.</li> </ul>	<b>PRO</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and meetings</li> </ul>	<b>APS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies I: Introduction, design and protocol of systematic reviews of prognosis studies (N=45 participants)</li> <li>○ 2. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies II: Risk of bias assessment in systematic reviews of prognosis studies (N=45 participants)</li> <li>○ 3. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies III: Meta-analytical approaches in systematic reviews of prognosis studies (N=40 participants)</li> <li>○ 4. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies IV: Meta-analysis of prognosis studies using individual participant data (N=30 participants)</li> <li>○ 5. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies (half-day pre-colloquium workshop) (N=65 participants)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Lessons learned from a prospective meta-analysis (PMA) of childhood obesity prevention – quantifying the advantages of a PMA and future recommendations. Authors: Seidler AL (presenter), Hunter K, Mahrshahi S, Espinoza D, Askie L. Internal, 70 people</li> <li>• Poster title: The current landscape of prospectively planned meta-analyses in health research. Authors: Seidler AL (presenter), Hunter KE, Cheyne SC, Ghersi D, Berlin JA &amp; Askie LM, on behalf of the Cochrane Prospective Meta-Analysis Methods Group. Internal, 45 people</li> </ul>	<b>PMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Methods for qualitative evidence synthesis” pre-Colloquium workshop delivered by Booth, Flemming and Noyes, fully booked with a waiting list.</li> <li>• Booth &amp; Noyes contributed to delivering a 2018 Pre-Colloquium Cochrane Workshop on CERQual, “Using the GRADE-CERQual approach and Summary of Qualitative Findings tables in Cochrane systematic reviews”, that had a waiting list.</li> <li>• QI facilitated 3 qualitative evidence synthesis Cochrane badged methods workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How to integrate patient/consumer perspectives from qualitative synthesis within your Cochrane Review (Booth and Harden)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Choose, consider or avoid: which qualitative synthesis methods match my Cochrane Effects Review? (Flemming, Booth, Hannes, Harden, Noyes)</li> <li>○ Assessing the methodological strengths and limitations of qualitative evidence: what are the key criteria? (Booth and Noyes)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An introduction to rapid reviews: developing timely evidence summaries for decision-makers (a Cochrane Rapid Reviews Methods Group workshop). Garritty C, Stevens A, Nussbaumer-Streit B, Kamel C, King V, Skidmore B, Gartlehner G. (internal/external audience) 85 people</li> <li>• Training your robot: best practices for leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) in reference screening. Garritty C, O’Blenis P, O’Connor A, Stefanison I. 50 people</li> </ul>	<b>RR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 3-day systematic reviews and meta-analyses of diagnostic accuracy course run by members of SDTMG was held in Birmingham in September 2018 immediately after the Edinburgh Colloquium</li> </ul>	<b>SDT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group offered three workshops on core meta-analysis methods at the Edinburgh colloquium:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1. Introduction to meta-analysis 1: basic ideas for novices.</li> <li>○ 2. Introduction to meta-analysis 2: meta-analysis of binary and continuous outcomes.</li> <li>○ 3. Introduction to meta-analysis 3: dealing with heterogeneity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three invited methodological talks:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Methods for evidence synthesis in the case of very few studies. Presenter: Dr. Guido Skipka (Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care, Germany)</li> <li>○ A comparison of seven random-effects models for meta-analyses that estimate the summary odds ratio. Presenter: Prof. Ian White (University College London, UK)</li> <li>○ Methods to calculate the uncertainty in the estimated overall effect size under the random-effects model. Presenter: Dr. Areti Angeliki Veroniki (University of Ioannina, Greece)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>S</b>

## 26th Cochrane Colloquium, Santiago, Chile, 22-25 October 2019 (planned workshops and activities)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief economic commentaries</li> <li>• Integrated full systematic reviews of economics evidence</li> </ul>	<b>CCEc</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on a revised tool to assess risk of bias in randomized trials (RoB 2); internal and external audience.</li> <li>• How to incorporate information on funding and conflicts of interest in trials when conducting a Cochrane Review – the TACIT tool; internal and external audience.</li> </ul>	<b>BIAS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributor to pre-Colloquium symposium, “Methods Symposium: Developing robust review protocols with increasingly diverse evidence”. For internal Cochrane audience.</li> <li>• Will hold several sessions including “Network meta-analysis and its implementation in Cochrane Reviews”. For internal Cochrane audience.</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to use the GRADE approach to assess, interpret and present evidence. Workshop (English and Spanish)</li> <li>• Using the online GRADEpro to create 'Summary of findings' tables and patient-friendly tools. Workshop (English and Spanish)</li> <li>• Informative statements to communicate the findings of systematic reviews of interventions. Short presentation.</li> </ul>	<b>GRADE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searching for studies for inclusion in Cochrane Reviews: an introduction for Cochrane Review authors and others. CL and Bernadette Coles. Internal and external. IRMG core methods workshop</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A practical introduction to individual participant data meta-analysis, to be facilitated by MG members Nevitt S, Rydzewska L</li> </ul>	<b>IPDMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted Workshops (internal):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies I: Introduction, design and protocol of systematic reviews of prognosis studies</li> <li>○ 2. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies II: Risk of bias assessment in systematic reviews of prognosis studies</li> <li>○ 3. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies III: Meta-analytical approaches in systematic reviews of prognosis studies</li> <li>○ 4. Systematic reviews of prognosis studies IV: The use of GRADE for assessing the certainty of evidence for questions of overall prognosis and prognostic factors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Step-by-step guidance on conducting prospective meta-analyses. Authors: Anna Lene Seidler (presenter), Kylie Hunter, Saskia Cheyne, Davina Ghersi, Jesse Berlin, Lisa Askie on behalf of the Cochrane Prospective Meta-analysis Methods Group. Internal</li> <li>• Presentation: A scoping review of prospective meta-analyses in health research. Authors: Saskia Cheyne (presenter), Anna Lene Seidler, Kylie Hunter, Davina Ghersi, Jesse Berlin, Lisa Askie on behalf of the Cochrane Prospective Meta-analysis Methods Group. Internal</li> </ul>	<b>PMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noyes will contribute to the Methods plenary at the Chile Colloquium. A QIMG convenor will contribute to the Methods Symposium.</li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary Session 3. Embracing Methodological Diversity. Stevens A. (Speaker) Internal/external audience</li> <li>• An introduction to rapid reviews: developing timely evidence summaries for decision-makers (a Cochrane Rapid Reviews Methods Group workshop). Stevens A, Nussbaumer-Streit B, Gartlehner G, Garritty C. Internal/external audience</li> <li>• Assessing rapid reviews as an evidence product for policymakers: a cross-sectional study (oral) Garritty C, Hersi M, Hamel C, Steven A et al.</li> <li>• Rapid review definition and methods: two scoping reviews (poster). Hamel C, Michaud A, Affengruber L, Skidmore B, Stevens A, Nussbaumer-Streit B, Garritty C.</li> </ul>	<b>RR</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training workshops are planned for the Colloquium in Chile</li> </ul>	<b>SDT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four workshops will be offered at the Santiago colloquium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduction to meta-analysis 1: meta-analysis of binary and continuous outcomes</li> <li>○ Introduction to meta-analysis 2: dealing with heterogeneity</li> <li>○ Introduction to meta-analysis 3: meta-analysis of time-to-event data</li> <li>○ Introduction to meta-analysis 4: including non-standard trials</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual scientific meeting discussing the use of p-values and statistical significance in the interpretation of results from Cochrane Reviews</li> </ul>	<b>S</b>
<b>Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Conference, Vancouver, Canada, June 2018</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cochrane Update at the Business Meeting of the HTAi Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval. CL</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>
<b>Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Conference, Cologne, Germany, June 2019</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cochrane Update at the Business Meeting of the HTAi Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval. JG</li> <li>• Searching for diagnostic test accuracy (DTA) studies. Workshop, JG and Rene Spijker. External. c. 30 attendees.</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid reviews: providing timely evidence for decision-makers. Kamel C. External audience, 100 attendees</li> </ul>	<b>RR</b>
<b>Academic, conferences, training courses and workshops (external)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golder S. Identifying adverse effects from hard to reach sources. University of Zurich, Switzerland. 1st October 2018.</li> <li>• Golder S. Search filters for non-drug adverse effects. Presented at the InterTASC Information Specialists' working group meeting. University of York, York, UK. 25th June 2019.</li> <li>• Golder S, Chiuve S, Weissenbacher D, Klein A, O'Connor K, Bland M, Malin M, Bhattacharya M, Scarazzini LJ, Gonzalez-Hernandez G. Pharmacoepidemiologic Evaluation of Birth Defects from Health-Related Postings in Social Media During Pregnancy. 27th conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology and the 18th European Conference on Computational Biology (ISMB/ECCB), Basel, Switzerland, 22-25 July 2019.</li> <li>• Kwong J. Conference keynote speech: Why should Cochrane share data? The journey of open data in developing systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing, China. 26-28 October 2018. External. 150 attendees.</li> </ul>	<b>AE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short course: Assessing Bias in Randomized and Non-Randomized Studies: New Approaches, New Tools; Swiss Epidemiology Winter School, Wengen, Switzerland; 21-23 January 2019; external audience; 25 people trained</li> <li>• Workshop: Assessing Risk of Bias in Randomized and Non-Randomized Studies: New Approaches, New Tools; Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand; 22-24 July 2019; external audience; 25 people trained.</li> <li>• One-day training event on risk of bias assessment, Paris, France; internal/external audience; 30 people trained.</li> <li>• Half-day training event on risk of bias assessment; Paris, France; internal/external audience; 20 people trained.</li> </ul>	<b>BIAS</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Overviews of systematic reviews: an emerging methodology in health technology assessment”, presented at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health Symposium, Alberta, Canada, 14 April 2019. External audience.</li> <li>Taught a network meta-analysis course at the Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute at Columbia University (EPIC) on 13-14 June 2019 in New York, NY. External audience.</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will hold a 3-day network meta-analysis course, “Network meta-analysis: from planning to publication” on 4-6 December 2019 in Paris, France. For external audience.</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-symposium workshop on economic evidence</li> <li>Cost, cost-effectiveness and clinical guidelines (UK perspective)</li> </ul>	<b>CCEc</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cochrane/WHO/Cornell Summer Institute on Nutrition, July 2019, 40 participants</li> </ul>	<b>CCEq</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic Review Online Training. McMaster University. Hamilton, Canada, June 2019 (2 days)</li> <li>Systematic Reviews Workshop. University of Guelph. Guelph, Canada, May 2019 (3 days)</li> <li>GRADE and diagnosis. Association of Ontario Midwives. Toronto, Canada, April 2019 (1 day)</li> <li>Systematic Review Workshop. Faculty. McMaster University. Hamilton, Canada, January 2019</li> <li>Systematic Review Workshop. Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research. Saskatoon, Canada, December 2018 (2 days) and November 2018 (2 days)</li> </ul>	<b>GRADE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematische Literaturrecherche - Aufbaukurs – Suchfilter (Systematic Literature Searching - Continuation course - Search filters) (for Cochrane Germany). 9 October 2018 and 14 March 2019. CL. c. 30 attendees</li> <li>Train the Trainer: Advanced Search Techniques and Advanced Search Strategy Design for Systematic Reviews and other evidence syntheses (for Cochrane Germany). 10-12 October 2018. JG and CL. 26 attendees.</li> <li>Advanced Search Techniques for Systematic Reviews, Health Technology Assessment and Guideline Development Training Course, York, UK. 16 October 2018. JG and CL. Mostly external. 24 attendees.</li> <li>Advanced Search Strategy Design for Complex Topics: Strategy Development, Text Analytics and Text Mining Training Course, York, UK. 17 October 2018. JG and CL. Mostly external. 27 attendees.</li> <li>Identifying the evidence for systematic reviews: an introductory training course for librarians and information professionals, York, UK. 23 October 2018. CL, Melissa Harden and Kath Wright. Mostly external. 17 attendees.</li> <li>Advanced Search Techniques for Systematic Reviews, Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) and Guidelines: a Health Libraries Australia workshop for librarians, clinicians and researchers; 3-week workshop tour of Australia across 8 cities. November/December 2018. CL. c. 200 attendees in total.</li> <li>Identifying the evidence for systematic reviews: an introductory training course for librarians and information professionals, York, UK. 28 March 2019. CL, Melissa Harden and Kath Wright. Mostly external. 14 attendees. Advanced Searching Techniques and Advanced Strategy Design. Medical Library Association pre-conference workshop programme Chicago, USA. 3 May 2019. JG and CL. c. 25 attendees.</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trials without Tribulations: Identifying Clinical Trials for Systematic Reviews and Other Clinical and Research Questions. Medical Library Association pre-conference workshop programme Chicago, USA. 4 May 2019. JG and CL. c. 10 attendees.</li> <li>• Introduction to Systematic Reviews. University of Stirling, UK. 21-22 May 2019. JG. External. 20 attendees.</li> <li>• Text Mining Tools for Search Strategy Development and Research Monitoring. (1-day workshop) CHLA / ABSC Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada. 4 June 2019. JG. 24 attendees.</li> <li>• Writing for Publication. CHLA / ABSC Annual Conference Ottawa, Canada. 4 June 2019. JMcG and Margaret Sampson. 6 attendees</li> <li>• Search Techniques for Systematic Reviews, Health Technology Assessments (HTAs) and Guidelines (for Cochrane Ireland), Galway, Ireland. 6-7 June 2019. CL. Internal and external. c. 25 attendees.</li> <li>• Cochrane Switzerland and Chur University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland. Advanced search techniques and advanced search strategy design for systematic reviews, health technology assessment and guideline development. 9-11 October 2019, Bern, Switzerland. JG and CL. Mostly external.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual participant data synthesis: practical aspects and data retrieval, Centre for Biostatistics Seminars, University of Manchester, 17 Oct 2018. Presentation by Nevitt SJ</li> <li>• Requesting, Preparing and Using IPD in Academic Research, Global Clinical Trials Transparency Conference, London, 19 Sept 2018. Presentation by Nevitt SJ</li> <li>• Statistical Methods for Evidence Synthesis of Individual Participant Data, Keele University, 24-26 April 2019, Riley R</li> <li>• Meta-analysis of individual participant data (IPD), UMC Utrecht, 18-19 Sept 2019, Moons C and Debray T</li> </ul>	<b>IPDMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic Reviews of Prognosis Studies, May 2019, external, UMC Utrecht (11 participants)</li> <li>• Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of individual participant data (IPD), June 2019, UMC Utrecht (12 participants)</li> <li>• Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of prognosis studies, Sydney, Australia, June 2019, internal/external (22 participants, including 4 from Cochrane)</li> <li>• Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of prognosis studies, UMC Utrecht, July 2019, internal/external (20 participants, including 13 Cochrane authors and editors)</li> <li>• Upcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1. Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of prognosis studies, UMC Utrecht, May 2020</li> <li>○ 2. Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of individual participant data (IPD), UMC Utrecht, June 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Neonatal Oxygenation Prospective Meta-analysis (NeOProM), Lisa Askie, Royal Edinburgh Infirmary Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Edinburgh, UK, September 2018, 20 people</li> <li>• Presentation: Next generation evidence synthesis - prospective meta-analyses in health research, Authors: Seidler AL (presenter), Hunter KE, Ghersi D, Berlin J, Askie LM. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Epidemiological Association, Fremantle, Australia, Oct 2018, 50 people</li> </ul>	<b>PMA</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Novel aspects of prospective meta-analysis, Lisa Askie, National Research Centre for the Working Environment ProPASS Collaboration workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct 2018, 25 people</li> <li>• Neonatal Oxygenation Prospective Meta-analysis (NeOProm), Lisa Askie, Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel (University Hospital Brussels) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Brussels, Belgium, Oct 2018, 20 people</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on QES and CERQual for policy making as part of the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI), American University of Beirut, Lebanon, 20-21 February 2019. Co-delivered by Garside</li> <li>• Systematic reviews of quantitative and/or qualitative evidence 2019. 3-day Systematic Review Workshop, Leuven, Belgium. 27-29 March 2019. Karin Hannes</li> <li>• ESQUIRE (Qualitative Reviews). 3-day Course, University of Sheffield, UK. September 2018 and September 2019. Andrew Booth (30 people)</li> <li>• MASTERIE (Mixed Methods Reviews). 3-day Course, University of Sheffield, UK. June 2020. Andrew Booth (20 people)</li> <li>• “Greater than the sum of its parts: the role of Qualitative Evidence Synthesis” for Evidence Synthesis Ireland September 2019, Galway. Booth (20 people)</li> <li>• Plenary presentation about use of qualitative evidence to inform decision making for the SDGs, across different sectors at the Qualitative Evidence Synthesis Symposium (QESS) in October in Brasilia. This first Symposium on using qualitative evidence to inform decisions for the UN SDGs will be held from 8-11 October 2019 in Brasilia, Brazil and will be hosted by the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz). Garside</li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An introduction to rapid reviews and scoping reviews. Summer Medical Resident Education Rounds – OMNI Research Group. Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. 2019 July, Ottawa, Canada. Garritty C. 40 people</li> <li>• Rapid reviews: from policy questions to research and decision-making. Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) Symposium. April 14, 2019. Edmonton, Alberta. Kamel C, Gibbens M, Rabb D, Moulton K. 50 people</li> <li>• Rapid Reviews – An Introduction. Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis course. Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine. University of Ottawa. 15 March 2019, Ottawa, Canada. Garritty C. 30 people</li> <li>• Rapid reviews and scoping reviews – 5 day introductory short-course. Institute for Mental Health. January 21-25th, 2019. Singapore. Garritty C, Stevens A. 40 people</li> <li>• A panoramic view of rapid reviews. Symposium speaker: The role of rapid reviews and policy briefs, and their synergistic effects. Organised jointly by the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Cochrane Switzerland, University of Lausanne (lead institution), the University of Lucerne (co-lead), partner institutions of the Swiss Learning Health System (SLHS). Nov. 2018. Lausanne, Switzerland. Garritty C. 60 people</li> <li>• Introduction to Rapid Reviews (A Cochrane Rapid Reviews Methods Group short course). Cochrane Switzerland and the Institute of Social and Preventative Medicine, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland Nov. 2018. Garritty C, Nussbaumer-Streit B. Internal/external audience, 35 people</li> </ul>	<b>RR</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An introduction to rapid reviews. Visiting Chinese Medical Residents delegation. OMNI Research Group. Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada. October 2018, Garritty C. 40 people</li> <li>An introduction to scoping reviews. Visiting Chinese Medical Residents delegation. OMNI Research Group. Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. Ottawa, Canada, October 2018. Stevens C. 40 people</li> <li>An introduction to rapid reviews. Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) short course (Nov. 27-29, 2019), Ottawa, Canada. Stevens A, Garritty C.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to systematic reviews. Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute 2019 at Columbia University</li> <li>Meta-analysis of observational data. Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute 2019 at Columbia University.</li> <li>Contribution to local Cochrane training events (Australia, France)</li> </ul>	<b>S</b>
<b>Cochrane workshops, meetings and training (<i>internal</i>)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop: Introduction to Cochrane and Cochrane systematic reviews. Tianjin Medical University, Tianjin, China. 1-2 September 2018. 35 people trainees.</li> <li>Symposium: The role of real-world evidence in the current era of evidence-based medicine. Tianjin Medical University, School of Pharmacy. 10 November 2018. 20 attendees.</li> <li>Lecture: Using evidence from Cochrane reviews to develop clinical practice guidelines. Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine, Guangzhou, China. 14-15 December 2018. 17 attendees</li> <li>Training event: Evidence-based medicine – where are we at? BMJ China Office, Beijing, China. 20 December 2018. 10 attendees</li> <li>Lecture: Introduction to evidence-based policy-making. United Nations Population Fund Asia and the Pacific regional office. Bangkok, Thailand. 13 March 2019. 15 attendees.</li> <li>Lecture: Evidence-based medicine – challenges and opportunities. Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong. 10 June 2019. 20 attendees</li> <li>All delivered by Joey Kwong</li> </ul>	<b>AE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of bias strategic session; Cochrane Governance Meetings; Krakow, Poland; 3 April 2019; approximately 100 people trained.</li> <li>Short course: Cochrane risk of bias methods training event; University of Bristol, Bristol, UK; 10-12 July 2019; 43 people trained.</li> </ul>	<b>BIAS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methodological and peer review support to Cochrane review teams on their network meta-analyses.</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked closely with the knowledge translation group to develop the priority setting guidelines for Cochrane Presentation at UK Cochrane Symposium in Oxford March 2019, with Sally Crowe and Ruairaidh Hill, Lecturer in Evidence Synthesis Liverpool University. The process helped them prioritise SR updates. Some additional analysis being done on the survey data – for important topics for new reviews</li> </ul>	<b>APS</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing reporting guidelines for priority setting exercise that involve stakeholders in collaboration with the Cochrane renal and kidney diseases review group and work with them on setting the core outcome measures.</li> <li>Worked with Cochrane Epilepsy and Cochrane Movement Disorders (focus Parkinson's) in the UK on priority setting and topic refinement in 2018/2019 (Online surveys x 2)</li> <li>Input to Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth on their priority setting process, helping with the methods</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic reviews and meta-analysis of prognosis studies, Cochrane Madrid, June 2018, internal, N=23 participants</li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Am I bovered?: the growing pains of qualitative synthesis" Booth co-delivered workshop with members of the newly-relaunched Cochrane Ireland Centre (Evidence Synthesis Ireland) at the Cochrane UK and Ireland Contributors meeting (March 2019), Oxford, UK</li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Common challenges in Cochrane reviews of diagnostic test accuracy". Workshop delivered at the Cochrane UK and Cochrane Ireland Symposium in Oxford in March 2019.</li> </ul>	<b>SDT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input into five of the standard author training materials and updated them according to the Handbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Analysing dichotomous outcomes</li> <li>9. Analysing continuous outcomes</li> <li>10. Introduction to meta-analysis</li> <li>12. Other outcomes and study designs</li> <li>13. Heterogeneity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>S</b>
<b>Webinars and online lectures</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kwong J. Online lecture: Critical appraisal skills. Organised by Systematic Review Solutions (SRS) Ltd., Tianjin, China. 10 January 2019. External. 45 attendees.</li> </ul>	<b>AE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economic concepts relevant to Cochrane reviews 2. The importance and options for incorporating economic evidence and perspective into Cochrane reviews 3. Different types of economic evaluation 4. What to consider and include when writing a systematic review protocol to include economic evidence <a href="http://training.cochrane.org/interactivelearning/module-9-introduction-health-economics">http://training.cochrane.org/interactivelearning/module-9-introduction-health-economics</a>.</li> </ul>	<b>CCEc</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cochrane Learning Live webinar on health equity: <a href="https://training.cochrane.org/resource/introduction-health-equity">https://training.cochrane.org/resource/introduction-health-equity</a></li> <li>Oct 2019 (TBD): Health technology assessment and equity: WHO collaborating centres webinar</li> </ul>	<b>CCEq</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving GRADE 'Summary of findings' tables for Cochrane Reviews: Detailed guidance for the calculation of absolute effect from time-to-event data</li> </ul>	<b>GRADE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An introduction to individual patient data meta-analysis using the Vivli platform (with examples from Cochrane Epilepsy reviews): <a href="https://training.cochrane.org/resource/introduction-individual-patient-data-ipd-meta-analysis-0">https://training.cochrane.org/resource/introduction-individual-patient-data-ipd-meta-analysis-0</a></li> </ul>	<b>IPDMA</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Individual Patient Data (IPD) meta-analysis. <a href="https://vivli.org/news/ipd-meta-analysis-webinar-1/">https://vivli.org/news/ipd-meta-analysis-webinar-1/</a> Both presented by Sarah Nevitt (November 2018)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar on progress of prognosis implementation, September 2018, internal (N≈57 participants)</li> <li>• Systematic Reviews of Prognosis Research, November 2018, external, UMC Utrecht, Online course (12 participants, including 2 Cochrane editors)</li> <li>• Upcoming: together with Cochrane Training, online module for all Cochrane authors and editors for free.</li> <li>• Systematic Reviews of Prognosis Research, UMC Utrecht, November 2019, Online course, external</li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar “More QESions than answers? Qualitative Evidence Synthesis and where we are now” for Evidence Synthesis Ireland (Thursday 13th June), delivered by Booth</li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated and co-organised (in collaboration with Cochrane Training) four webinars over the past 12 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A research program on rapid reviews: where should we venture next? Dr Andrea C. Tricco (PhD, MSc), Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto, Canada, August 2018</li> <li>○ Methods to estimate the between-study variance and to calculate uncertainty in the estimated overall effect size. Areti Angeliki Veroniki, Convenor, October 2018</li> <li>○ An Introduction to Individual Patient Data meta-analysis. Dr Sarah Nevitt, Statistical Editor of the Cochrane Epilepsy Group, November 2018</li> <li>○ Practical methods for handling missing summary statistics in meta-analysis of continuous outcomes. Chris Weir, Edinburgh Clinical Trials Unit Statistics Group, University of Edinburgh, UK, February 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upcoming webinar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meta-analysis of joint model data. Maria Sudell, 15 October 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>S</b>
<b>Other support activities</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer-review for a wide range of journals including BMJ, Lancet, CMAJ etc.</li> </ul>	<b>AE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabelle Boutron was Director of Cochrane France and a member of Cochrane Methods Executive (stepped down in 2018)</li> <li>• Julian Higgins was a member of Cochrane Methods Executive, Cochrane’s Scientific Committee, and Cochrane’s Editorial Board. As Senior Methods Advisor to Cochrane, Julian Higgins regularly responded to the Editor in Chief in methodological issues raised in reviews or elsewhere. Julian Higgins was Senior Scientific Editor of the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions.</li> <li>• Asbjørn Hróbjartsson was a member of the Cochrane Scientific Committee and the Cochrane Library Editorial Board as Senior Editor for the Circulation and Breathing Network (2018-2019).</li> <li>• Matthew Page was associate scientific editor for the Cochrane Handbook of Systematic Reviews of Interventions.</li> </ul>	<b>BIAS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Served as grant reviewers, peer reviewers, and editors for network meta-analysis projects and manuscripts.</li> <li>• Launched PRIOR (Preferred Reporting Items for Overviews of Reviews), a project that will develop reporting guidelines for overviews of systematic reviews. An Advisory Committee has been convened and background</li> </ul>	<b>CMI</b>

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	work has been completed. Delphi surveys are to begin in Fall 2019, with an in-person meeting planned for Fall 2020.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cochrane Methods Executive Co-Chair: Holger Schünemann</li> <li>• Cochrane Knowledge Translation Advisory Group member: Nancy Santesso</li> <li>• Cochrane Council members: Miranda Langendam and María Ximena Rojas Reyes</li> </ul>	<b>GRADE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting a researcher at Newcastle University in taking on the role of Associate Editor of Health Economics with Cochrane Eyes &amp; Vision</li> <li>• Systematic Reviews and Economic Evidence in Public and Global Health, Heidelberg, Germany</li> <li>• Integrating economic methods into systematic reviews, University of Ghana</li> <li>• The methodological and reporting characteristics of economic methods and outcomes in Campbell reviews: A systematic review. What Works Global Summit, Mexico City</li> <li>• Patricia Aluko has written a blog that explores the updated Cochrane learning modules. As part of the newly-updated training resources, Patricia, Luke Vale and Ian Shemilt have co-developed and compiled the ninth module, which centres on the use of health economics in Cochrane reviews. The module is designed for review authors and individuals interested in incorporating economic evidence into systematic reviews</li> </ul>	<b>CCEc</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responded to requests for peer referees on equity</li> <li>• Vivian Welch invited to join Public Health Agency of Canada working group on social determinants of health</li> <li>• Vivian Welch invited to join advisory group to Cochrane youth mental health satellite in New Zealand</li> <li>• Peter Tugwell, vice-chair Management Group for the Global Evaluation Synthesis Initiative (GESI)</li> </ul>	<b>CCEq</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in a two-day meeting convened by the PRISMA team to discuss updating the 2009 PRISMA Statement for systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Julie Glanville (JG), September 2018.</li> <li>• Participation in a consultation meeting to discuss the feasibility and implications of using Clinical Study Reports (CSRs) as the main data sources within Cochrane Reviews of drug interventions, JG, May 2019. Subsequent to the meeting, JG and CL have both joined the Clinical Study Report Working Group.</li> <li>• Seminar: 'An 'Inside/Outside' Look at Cochrane' on behalf of Wiley at the US Medical Library Association conference in Chicago, US, including promotion of The Cochrane Library and the Cochrane Interactive Learning materials. CL, May 2019</li> <li>• Carol Lefebvre continues to support Cochrane through active membership of and participation in the Methods Executive; attendance of the annual Cochrane governance meeting (April 2019, Krakow, Poland); IRMG liaison with the Cochrane Information Specialist community through the Cochrane Information Specialist Executive meetings; IRMG liaison person with the Associate Director, Guidance Information Services at NICE and attending NICE Joint Information Group meetings and NICE Joint Information Days.</li> <li>• All IRMG members involved in the remaining sections of the Searching for and Selecting Studies chapter of the updated Cochrane Handbook, that is the Technical Supplement and the Appendix of resources, both of which are due for publication (online only) in late 2019. These sections complement the material in the Main Text.</li> </ul>	<b>IR</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting the Cochrane Editorial Unit in their handling of Cochrane Reviews incorporating IPD syntheses and providing methodological advice and peer review.</li> <li>Jayne Tierney and Marc Buyse are members of the advisory committee for the design of an online repository of IPD from clinical trials of progestogens to prevent preterm birth. Lesley Stewart is part of the project group.</li> <li>Members of the MG have editorial roles within various Cochrane Groups and are members of the Cochrane response team.</li> <li>As well as running workshops at Cochrane Colloquia, the IPD Methods Group can also provide specialist advice on IPD Reviews and peer review IPD elements of Cochrane Reviews.</li> </ul>	<b>IPDMA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NRSIMG has contributed to discussions with the members of the Cochrane Equity Methods Group and OMERACT about investigating how contextual factors modify treatment effects.</li> <li>The NRSIMG has been invited to present the issue addressed by the 2018 Colloquium discussion workshop (on when to include NRSI in a Cochrane intervention review) at the 2019 Methods Symposium in Santiago.</li> </ul>	<b>NRS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCI Peer review Moonshot implementation grants</li> </ul>	<b>PRO</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our co-convenors are members of knowledge translation group focusing on priority setting, global evidence synthesis initiative; co-convenors of Equity and Economics Methods Groups and also the Italian Cochrane Centre. We also have roles in other relevant organisations like NICE, the EVIR funders forum, James Lind Alliance advisory group and evidence-based research networks.</li> </ul>	<b>PS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMG Annual General Meeting: Edinburgh Colloquium 2018</li> <li>Address various author requests for resources via PMG</li> <li>Expansion of the editorial board membership, now with 20 editors contributing to the review and development of Cochrane Prognosis Reviews</li> <li>Every title, protocol and review is currently reviewed by co-convenors and Editorial Board members</li> <li>Almost every review is co-authored by PMG members</li> <li>A review template has been developed</li> </ul>	<b>PROG</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisa Askie is active as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisory committee member, PROMPT Collaboration, prospective meta-analysis of pessaries to prevent preterm birth</li> <li>Chairperson, EPOCH Collaboration, prospective meta-analysis of childhood obesity prevention trials</li> <li>Chairperson, NeOProM Collaboration, prospective meta-analysis of international oxygen saturation targeting trials</li> <li>Invited member, Cochrane IPD Working Group, York</li> <li>Reviewer support programme, member of Handbook Advisory Group and Neonatal Review Group Method liaison representative, Cochrane Collaboration</li> <li>Associate Editor, Cochrane Collaboration Neonatal Collaborative Review Group</li> <li>Member of peer review panel for Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>PMA</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invited external peer reviewer for Cochrane Colloquim</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continued provision of a convenor on-call service for Cochrane members. In the past year we have provided advice and peer review for around 6 protocols and 5 reviews. Work has included support for review teams and CRGs to use non-core Cochrane methods such as realist methodology.</li> <li>● Advice to the Editor in Chief on applications for the fast track service that wish to undertake a qualitative evidence synthesis.</li> <li>● Supported the Cochrane Public Health and Health Systems Network to develop a pilot for stand-alone qualitative syntheses that was approved by the Editorial Unit.</li> <li>● Restructure of the Cochrane QIMG register of QES Methodology and of QES Exemplars on an EndNote database now organised by QES methodology and stage of the QES process (2019).</li> <li>● Garside, Booth, Cargo, Hannes are contributing to Campbell and Collaboration for Environmental Evidence Guidance on QES which will facilitate links with Cochrane processes.</li> </ul>	<b>QI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-Convener Support Activities including Cochrane Involvement:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Barbara Nussbaumer-Streit:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member of the Cochrane LMIC/UMIC Stipends Committee</li> <li>- Associate Editor for Systematic Reviews Journal</li> <li>- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Zeitschrift für Evidenz, Fortbildung und Qualität im Gesundheitswesen”</li> <li>- Peer Review for Cochrane Systematic Reviews</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Gerald Gartlehner:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member of board of Cochrane Innovations</li> <li>- Member of the highest advisory board for the Austrian Ministry of Health</li> <li>- Member of the scientific advisory committee of the German Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care</li> <li>- Member of the scientific advisory committee of the Austrian Public Health Institute</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Chantelle Garritty:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide consultancy to Cochrane Response (June 2017 to present)</li> <li>- Active member of Cochrane Canada involved in entity discussions and strategic planning</li> <li>- Peer review for Systematic Reviews Journal, Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, BMC Medical Research Methodology</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Adrienne Stevens:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provided seconded support as Associate Editor to the Brain, Nerves and Mind Network;</li> <li>- Provided seconded support to the Deputy Editor, Cochrane</li> <li>- Active member of Cochrane Canada involved in entity discussions and strategic planning</li> <li>- Associate Editor/Peer review for Systematic Reviews Journal</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Chris Kamel:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>RR</b>

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<b>IR</b> – Information Retrieval	<b>NRS</b> – Non-Randomised Studies	<b>PRO</b> – Patient Reported Outcomes	<b>PROG</b> – Prognosis	<b>PMA</b> – Prospective Meta-analysis	<b>QI</b> – Qualitative & Implementation	<b>RR</b> – Rapid Reviews	<b>SDT</b> – Screening & Diagnostic Tests

# TRAINING & SUPPORT ACTIVITIES 2018-2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chris serves as Director of Rapid Response at CADTH and is actively involved in Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) and International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA)</li> <li>• External expertise provided for specific initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with AHRQ’s Evidence-based Practice Centre (Brown University) to establish a 1-hour online training module specific to rapid reviews (March 2019-present)</li> <li>○ Co-convenors input/expertise sought on the SelecTing Approaches for Rapid Reviews (STARR) Decision Tool developed at the University of Sheffield.</li> <li>○ Co-convenor involvement in GRADE Rapid Guidelines group (Group leads: Kris Thayer, Elie Akl) (ongoing)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• External Consultations (over the last 12 months): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Anne Finucane, Research Lead - Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow - University of Edinburgh. Marie Curie Care and support through terminal illness (internal/external audience)</li> <li>○ On-going discussions with Declan Devane, Director, Health Research Board (Galway, Ireland) - Trials Methodology Research Network. (external audience)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of the SDTMG continue to provide substantial support for the DTA Editorial process through their roles as editors or peer reviewers. Their input in ensuring the methodological rigour of Cochrane DTA reviews is invaluable.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement: We thank Anne Eisinga, Cochrane UK, for providing data on publication of Cochrane DTA reviews and their use in clinical guidelines.</li> </ul>	<b>SDT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group contributes to the Methods Executive through membership of convenor Joanne McKenzie</li> <li>• Convenors and members provide ongoing support activities to other Cochrane groups, including peer review and consultation</li> <li>• Provision of a forum in which statistical and methods issues related to Cochrane reviews can be discussed and to which MG members actively contribute</li> <li>• Active twitter account through which new publications, methodological developments and training events related to systematic reviews and meta-analysis are circulated</li> </ul>	<b>S</b>

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