

EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS

Advanced Systematic Review Training (Online – 4 half days)

Aim

This workshop provides authors, actively involved in conducting a systematic review, with confidence to assess a wide range of data types. It offers an insight into more complex methods of metaanalysis.

Learning outcomes

In this course participants will be enabled to:

- Understand how to identify, extract and analyse dichotomous and continuous data
- Understand more complex meta-analysis methods including use of Generic Inverse Variance Meta-analysis
- Understand principles of analysis of multi-arm trials, cluster and cross-over trial designs

Target Audience

Healthcare professionals, academics, researchers, decision makers and Evidence Synthesis Ireland fellows who are actively involved in performing a Cochrane systematic review.

Teaching strategies

This course will include blended learning with two months free access to Cochrane Interactive Learning self-directed learning modules, a number of which will be required study prior to the workshop.

Prerequisites

Participants should at least have completed their review protocol, developed and conducted their search strategy and begun data extraction and analysis.

Date:

14th, 15th, 23rd, 24th March 2022

Time:

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Skill level:

Advanced

Facilitators:

Prof. Declan Devane

Professor of Health Research Methodology NUI Galway

Prof. Valerie Smith Professor of Midwiferv Trinity College Dublin

Dr Nuala Livingstone

Cochrane Editorial and Methods Department

Places:

20 places available for individuals who are resident on the island of Ireland

Fee: €150 (General) €80 (Student)

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Course timetable

| Day 1 - Monday 14th March 2022 | | |
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| 09:45 | Join the meeting online | |
| 10:00 | Welcome, introduction of presenters and outline of presentations | |
| 10:15 | Data Collection Overview | |
| 11:00 | Dichotomous Data | |
| 11:30 | Break | |
| 11:45 | Continuous Data | |
| 12:30 | Practical Exercises and Questions | |
| 13:00 | Close | |

| Day 2 – Tuesday 15th March 2022 | | |
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| 09:45 | Join the meeting online | |
| 10:00 | The generic inverse variance method of meta-analysis | |
| 10:45 | Continuous data with zero and small counts | |
| 11:00 | Practical exercise | |
| 11:30 | Break | |
| 11:45 | Converting other data types to binary form | |
| 12:00 | Calculating standard deviations when they are missing from papers, using other reported values | |
| 12:30 | Practical exercise and questions | |
| 13:00 | Close | |

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| Day 3 – Wednesday 23rd March 2022 | | |
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| 09:45 | Join the meeting online | |
| 10:00 | Heterogeneity - Fixed and Random models | |
| 10:45 | Exploring and responding to Heterogeneity | |
| 11:30 | Break | |
| 11:45 | Sensitivity Analysis | |
| 12:30 | Questions and Discussion | |
| 13:00 | Close | |
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| Day 4 – Thursday 24th March 2022 | | |

| Day | |
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| 09:45 | Join the meeting online |
| 10:00 | Multi-arm Trials |
| 10:45 | Cluster design trials and Cross-over Trials |
| 11:30 | Break |
| 11:45 | Time-to-event data and Rates |
| 12:30 | Practical exercise and questions |
| 13:00 | Close |

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