

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		
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		
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		
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	
Day 4 – Thursday 24th March 2022		

Day	
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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