



# EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS I R E L A N D

## How to create a Summary of Findings Table for your Systematic Review (Online – ½ day)

### Aim

The aim of this workshop is to provide detailed information about how to create Summary of findings tables for Cochrane Reviews and other reviews.

### Objectives

The objectives of this workshop are to:

- Provide an interactive session where participants can ask questions about how to create an SoF
- Describe the parts of an SoF
- Show participants how to use the GRADEpro software to create an SoF using an example review – some participants may be able to practice doing this in real time
- Explain how to convert the results of a review (e.g., relative risks and mean differences when available) to absolute effects that are typically more understood by decision makers
- Describe briefly the GRADE approach to assess the certainty of the evidence and the importance of 'explanations'
- Show how review authors can use the information in the SoF to write the results and conclusions for their review

### Target Audience

Anyone conducting a systematic review: Healthcare professionals, academics, students, researchers, decision makers.

### Date:

**1st March 2022**

### Time:

**2.00pm – 4.30pm**

### Skill level:

**Intermediate**

### Facilitators:

**Assoc. Professor  
Nancy Santesso**

McMaster University, Canada &  
Deputy Director, Cochrane Canada

### Places:

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

### Fee:

**€40 (General)**

**€20 (Student)**

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### Learning Outcomes

In this course participants will be enabled to:

- Use GRADEpro to make a Summary of Findings table, import and export the table into RevMan
- Understand how to report results of a review, along with the certainty of the evidence, in an easier to understand format
- Use the Summary of Findings table to write the results and conclusions for a review

### Teaching strategies

The workshop will consist of a guided exercise that participants can follow or can practice at home (i.e., likely easier if participants have two screens at home). Participants will be provided with materials at the beginning of the workshop. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions at any time during the session – the goal is an interactive workshop.

### Prerequisites

Knowledge of systematic review methods.

### Course content/timetable

PROGRAMME - Thursday 30th June 2022	
1400 – 1415	Introduction to a Summary of Findings Table
1415 – 1615	Guided exercise to create a Summary of Findings Table
1415 – 1425	Importing results of a review
1425 – 1515	Presenting a dichotomous outcome, continuous outcome, outcome without meta-analysis, understanding absolute effects
1515 – 1535	Brief description of GRADE approach and footnotes
1535 – 1550	Creating informative statements for conclusions
1550 – 1600	Exporting results
1600 – 1615	Incorporating results into the text of a systematic review
1615 – 1630	Opportunity for additional questions

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