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1. Advanced Cochrane Reviewer's course materials now online

On the 5th and 6th of november we held our first Advanced course on Cochrane review methods in Helsinki, Finland. The course materials are now online for you all to use however you see fit. They can be found on our wepages, on the page titled Training at: www.cohf.fi.

"I think this was a useful course for those planning to become a Cochrane author. The spontaneous discussions within the small group were invaluable. The exercise where we discussed the shortfalls in a Cochrane review and worked on using the Feedback system to suggest improvements to the review authors was interesting. I found the discussions around analysis of outcomes helpful."

- Dr Finola Delamere, Managing Editor & Trials Search Coordinator, Cochrane Skin Group

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2. New Cochrane review: Educational interventions for the prevention of eye injuries

by: Anupa Shah, Karen Blackhall, Katharine Ker and Daksha Patel

Plain language summary

Eye injuries are a preventable cause of blindness, yet remain a significant disabling health problem that affects all age groups. Despite health and safety requirements and widespread legislation, injuries can still occur at home, in the workplace, during recreational activities or as a result of road crashes.

The authors of this review searched for randomised controlled trials and controlled before-and-after studies looking at the effectiveness of educational interventions, such as written materials, video or audio tapes, for the prevention of eye injuries. The authors found five studies involving different types of people, using various educational interventions and based in different countries, that met the inclusion criteria. Due to the low quality of the studies identified, the authors concluded that there is no reliable evidence that educational interventions are effective in preventing eye injuries.

The review authors recommend that further high quality randomised controlled trials, with longer follow-up periods are conducted. More trials should be based in low and middle-income countries in order to carry out a comparison with those in high-income countries.

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clsysrev/articles/CD006527/frame.html>

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