

1. New email alert available – CEBD Evidence Update

Dr Douglas Grindlay (Dermatology Information Specialist in the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology) is now producing a monthly email alert, listing newly published dermatology systematic reviews (Cochrane and non-Cochrane).

If you would like to receive this alert contact Douglas at douglas.grindlay@nottingham.ac.uk. Previous issues can be found [here](#).



2. Are you conflicted?

Cochrane is revising its policy on Conflicts of Interest to clarify two areas of the commercial sponsorship policy. We would like to draw your attention to two main points:

No more than 50% of authors should be conflicted; involvement in clinical trials that have been sponsored should be declared but count as non-conflicted from the point of view of constituting a majority of non-conflicted authors. The authors should not be involved in data extraction, or conducting the risk of bias on their own trials.

Individuals who are **employed** by a company that has a real or potential financial interest in the outcome of the Cochrane Review (including but not limited to drug companies or medical device manufacturers), or who hold or have applied for a patent related to the Cochrane Review are **prohibited** from being Cochrane Review authors.

If you are in any doubt please refer to [Conflicts of interest and Cochrane Reviews](#) and [Commercial Sponsorship Policy](#).

Visitor from Taiwan

We're delighted to welcome Yu Shiun Tsai who is visiting the Cochrane Skin Group for three months from June to August. Yu Shiun is a librarian from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Chiayi. She will be working with Liz, our Trials Search Coordinator, on developing database searching skills, and on other aspects of evidence-based librarianship.





3. 'Father of evidence-based medicine' dies

Dr David Sackett died 13th May 2015. He was the founding Chair of the Cochrane Collaboration and is widely regarded as "the father of evidence-based medicine". An obituary published in BMJ can be read [here](#). An on-line memory book is available [here](#)

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