Promoting Cochrane Skin Systematic Review References in Wikipedia Skin Disease Articles

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Trusted evidence.
Informed decisions.
Better health.
Wikipedia’s Role in Dermatology

- Patients increasingly look to the internet for health information
- Online resources can be incorrect or outdated
- Wikipedia results are among the top web pages returned when searching for common dermatology complaints

Cochrane - Wikipedia Partnership

• Initiated in 2014 to encourage collaboration between medical editors on Wikipedia

• Goal: To ensure that evidence-based health content is shared on Wikipedia

• Cochrane Review Groups, Centers, and Fields engage with Wikipedia to develop more editors and share high-quality Cochrane Review evidence in Wikipedia articles.
Cochrane Skin Wikipedia Editing Project

- Recruited medical students from U.S. medical schools
- Student editors were provided instructional resources and a Wikipedia editing expert mentor
- Valuable learning activity for students in sub-internships or involved in dermatology research
Cochrane Skin Wikipedia Editing Project

- All current Cochrane Dermatology reviews incorporated into Wikipedia articles
- Over 40 Wikipedia articles edited to include Cochrane reviews
- Student editors continue to update Wikipedia
## Course Activity

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• 7.84 million views of edited articles since May 2018
Future

• Encouraging all dermatologists, trainees and students to participate in Wikipedia editing
• International editors to edit Wikipedia in other languages

Training module: https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/training/editing-wikipedia/evaluating-articles
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