



Promoting Cochrane Skin Systematic Review References in Wikipedia Skin Disease Articles

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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- Online resources can be incorrect or outdated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 complaints¹

1. Jensen, JD, *et al.* *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* 63.6 (2010): 1101-1103.



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



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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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