

Dear Colleagues

It is a great pleasure for the Pain Association of Singapore to invite you to take part in this Workshop, which is one of the activities of the Special Interest Group in Systematic Reviews of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP).

The two-day workshop helps participants understand what Systematic Reviews are about, how they are done, and how the results can be critically appraised and used in clinical situations. Last but not least, we hope that as a result of participation in this workshop, delegates will design and take part in doing Systematic Reviews for themselves.

We are fortunate to have a Workshop Faculty of world renown in both the fields of Systematic Reviews and in Pain. Professor McQuay is a leading researcher in pain, and has authored many reviews and books, including "An evidence-based resource for pain relief". Recently Prof McQuay and Ms Jane Edwards co-authored "Bandoliers little book of Pain". Dr Phil Wiffen is co-ordinating editor of the Cochrane Pain, Palliative and Support Care Group, which has some 100 reviews published or in progress from reviewers worldwide.

Places will be limited to 40 because there will be small group work with plenty of time for interaction. Priority will be given to those who intend to undertake systematic reviews.

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Cynthia Goh  
President  
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Day 1

- 9.00 am Registration
- 9.30 am Welcome & introductions
- 9.45 am Plenary
  - ♦ Introduction to Evidence-based medicine
- 10.45 am Coffee break
- 11.00 am Systematic reviews – Overview
- 12.00 pm Resources & planning
  - ♦ What you need to do a systematic review
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Pain and Palliative Care Systematic Reviews
- 2.45 pm Workshop 1: Focussing a question and generating a search strategy
- 3.45 pm Coffee break
- 4.00 pm Qualitative systematic reviews
  - ♦ What to do when there's a lack of evidence
  - ♦ Validity of trials
- 4.30 pm Close of Day 1

Day 2

- 9.00 am Overview of day 1
- 9.15 am Workshop 2: Critical appraisal of a systematic review and clinical trial (Part 1)
- 10.15 am Coffee break
- 10.45 am Workshop 2 cont'd: Critical appraisal of a systematic review and clinical trial (Part 2)
- 11.45 am Cochrane & The Cochrane Library
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Workshop 3: Calculating NNTs
- 2.45 pm Summary of day / Questions
- 3.15 pm Proposals for new reviews
- 4.15 pm Presentation of proposals
- 5.00 pm Close of Workshop

Registration

Please type or write in block letters, and mail / fax this slip to the Secretariat.

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Area of clinical practice/research \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am unlikely / likely / highly likely to undertake systematic reviews in pain/other topics.

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For hotel information, please contact the Secretariat.