

*“When I think about all the patients and their loved ones that I have worked with over the years, I know most of them don’t remember me nor I them, but I do know that I gave a little piece of myself to each of them and they to me and those threads make up the beautiful tapestry in my mind that is my career in nursing.”*

*– Donna Wilk Cardillo - Career Guru for Nurses*

## **CNCF – ‘Writers in Focus’ Series - Vicky Visvanathan**



Vicky Visvanathan, Lecturer, at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of South Australia

We commence this newsletter once again acknowledging the outstanding contributions of our summary writers, without whom it would not be possible for the CNCF to exist. In this edition, we profile another active and highly qualified contributor to the Field’s summary writing and evidence dissemination mission, Vicky Visvanathan.

Vicky Visvanathan has been a Lecturer at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of South Australia since 2008 and has also practiced as a Clinical Nurse (Critical Care) at the intensive care unit (ICU), Royal Adelaide Hospital since 2002.

Her academic role predominantly involves teaching across Stage 1 to Stage 3 courses; coordinating large Stage 2 and Stage 3 acute care clinical placements for undergraduate students, and being an Academic Integrity Officer within the faculty. Her clinical roles include practicing her nursing competencies as a critical care nurse and ensuring those methods are current and consistent with her teaching methods.

Vicky completed her postgraduate diploma in Masters in Nursing in 2007 at the University of South Australia, acquired her Critical Care Nursing qualification at Flinders University in 2009, and obtained her Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methodologies in 2012. She has aligned herself with the “Safety and Quality Research Group” within the University of South Australia, and has been a member of the CNCF and Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) since 2010.

Vicky’s Master’s research work included recognising the risk factors that contribute to the development of pressure ulcer in critically ill patients wearing anti-embolic stockings as deep vein thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis. The recommendations from her study were used to inform nursing practice when providing care to

vulnerable ill patients. Further, in 2006 she was involved in the 'South Australian Pressure Ulcer Prevention Audit'.

Following Vicky's migration to Australia in 2000, she took up the opportunity to pursue higher degrees, which has created multiple pathways for her to commence a career as an educator within a tertiary institution. She is very passionate about teaching and adamantly supports the CNCF as she believes in translating knowledge into evidence-based practice, and looking forward in sharing knowledge and experience with other healthcare professional throughout the world. Vicky acknowledges the CNCF plays a vital role in the international dissemination of best practice evidence in nursing care and encourages others to get involved in supporting the CNCF's strategic mission.

## **American Journal of Nursing to continue publishing CNCF**

## **Cochrane Review Summaries into 2017**

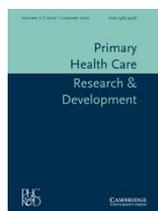


The American Journal of Nursing (AJN) has agreed to extend its current publication agreement with the CNCF and has entered into a new production schedule that will see the Field's review summaries published in this periodical well into 2017.

With a significant impact factor of 1.30, the AJN is another highly ranked international nursing publication collaborating with the CNCF that provides comprehensive and in-depth information to help nurses stay current in their profession. The journal's content includes practical, hands-on

clinical articles on essential topics, vital information on drugs, trends in nursing, legal advice, continuing education, and more. First established in 1900, the AJN is the oldest nursing journal still in publication. In 2009 the journal was selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Journals in Biology and Medicine in the Last 100 Years" by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association.

## **Primary Health Care Research & Development Journal to continue publishing CNCF Summaries into 2017**



The Primary Health Care Research and Development Journal (PHCRD) has sought to extend its publication agreement with the CNCF and has negotiated a further five topics to feature as part of their continuing 'Cochrane Corner' series.

The PHCRD journal is the first publication aimed specifically at both researchers and practitioners in primary health care, endeavouring to bridge the gap between the two areas. This journal provides a forum for the publication of international, interdisciplinary research and development in primary health care. Each issue has a broad primary health care focus, Bringing together research, development and networking, and utilises a multidisciplinary authorship.

## **CNCF 'Writers in Focus' series features in 'Cochrane Community' online news**

The CNCF has in recent months become a regular feature of the 'Cochrane Community', a site dedicated to bringing

up-to-date information on projects and initiatives, news from the Steering Group and the Central Executive team as well as from Centres, Review Groups, Fields, and all other Cochrane groups. Most recently, this site featured an article on one of the CNCF's summary writers, Professor Rhoda Redulla. This is a wonderful endorsement for the work of the Field, and further widens the international reach of our summary evidence on Cochrane reviews. The full article can be accessed here - <http://community.cochrane.org/news/cochrane-contributor-rhoda-redulla>

## What proportion of Cochrane Reviews are Wiki-compatible?

The Cochrane-Wikipedia partnership started in 2014 with the aim of improving the evidence base of Wikipedia articles using Cochrane Reviews and other relevant evidence. Cochrane have now announced the launch of the Cochrane-Wikipedia Initiative pages on Wikimedia as the go-to place for all Cochrane-Wikipedia projects and related resources. Groups and contributors in both organisations are carrying out innovative projects in support of the partnership.

Clive Adams, Co-ordinating Editor of the Cochrane Schizophrenia Group, and Douglas White, medical student, carried out a research project to assess what proportion of Cochrane Reviews are 'Wiki-compatible'. Wikipedia is accessed every day by people from all over the globe and Cochrane has recognised it as a key tool for dissemination of evidence and is working together with Wikipedia, but how many existing Wikipedia pages are suitable for insertion of evidence from any given Cochrane Review?

Just as all Cochrane Reviews would potentially fit into a page focused on 'health care', all Cochrane Schizophrenia Group (CSG) reviews could fit into a page on 'management of schizophrenia'.

However, such seeding of general pages with huge amounts of evidence would defeat the goal of providing succinct information.

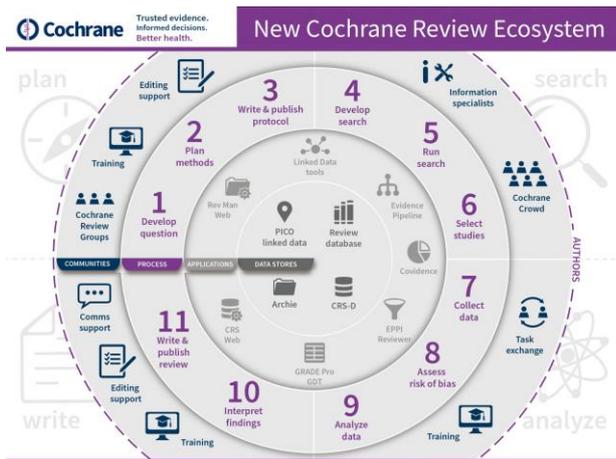
Cochrane have now investigated how many of the 200 CSG reviews would have a Wikipedia page that is both specific and appropriate upon which to 'land'. Reviews with relevant but less appropriate Wikipedia pages – in which, for example, the intervention was mentioned but only briefly among others – were also identified, as well as reviews with no obvious Wikipedia page.

Out of 200 reviews, 97 (49%) had an obvious Wikipedia 'landing' page and a further 47 (24%) were associated with a page that was of potential relevance but was less appropriate. 56 (28%) reviews had no obvious Wikipedia 'home'. Of the 144 (72%) CSG reviews with at least a potential Wikipedia 'landing' site, 76 (53%) had Summary of Findings table(s), which can be a source of succinct evidence for a new Wiki-compatible table.

Creating brand-new pages for the 61 'homeless' reviews would be time consuming. Expanding or creating a new page for the 47 reviews with a relevant, but not necessarily appropriate, existing 'landing' would require less work. Using the Summary of Findings data, entirely rewriting and formatting for the wider readership of Wikipedia takes a little time – but not much. Many of Cochrane's Reviews are Wiki-compatible right now.

## The Cochrane Review Ecosystem Infographic

The Cochrane Review Infographic illustrates how a Cochrane Review gets produced from developing the question to final publication, with information about all the tools and teams that contribute along the way.



A full-size, downloadable version of the Cochrane Review Ecosystem is available in the Review Production section of the Community website

<http://community.cochrane.org/review-production/cochrane-review-ecosystem>

## Cochrane Corner Summaries developed since last newsletter (Some summaries may be pending publication):

Author: Sai Zhao, Research Associate, Systematic Review Solutions. Ltd, China – Topic: **‘Can adjuvant agents reduce gastric acidity in patients with cystic fibrosis’** - Gastroenterology Nursing Journal

Authors: Dr Denise Blanchard, PhD, MSSRe, AdvDipTT, BA, RN; Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Indigenous Health, Faculty of Science, Charles Sturt University and Dr Sharon Bourgeois PhD, MEd, MA, BA, OTCert, RN, Honorary Fellow, School of Nursing, University of Wollongong, Wollongong, NSW, Australia – Topic: **‘Securing and dressing central venous catheters (CVC)’** – American Journal of Nursing

Author: Maria José Góis Paixão RN, MSc Associate Professor, Escola Superior de Enfermagem de Lisboa, Portugal – Topic: **‘Warming of intravenous and irrigation fluids**

**for preventing inadvertent perioperative hypothermia’** - Journal of Perioperative Practice

Author: Chiung-hui Chiu, Assistant Professor, Department of Infant and Child Care, National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Science, Taiwan – Topic: **‘Psychological interventions for needle-related procedural pain and distress in children and adolescents’** – Journal of Health Science

Authors: Anna Sabia, BSN, RN and William H. Anger, Jr. MLIS, Beck Library, the Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI, USA – Topic: **‘Interventions to encourage uptake of cancer screening for people with severe mental illness’** - Journal for Issues in Mental Health Nursing

Author: Jung-Nien Lai, Associate Professor, Institute of Traditional Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan – Topic: **‘Pain management for women in labor’** – Journal of Health Science

Authors: Terry-Renette Friebe BN, BNP, MN Ed, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia & Vicky Visvanathan CN, CCRN, MN, Grad Dip CCN, GCert Research Methodologies School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia – Topic: **‘How effective is offering of Incentives in Promoting Cessation of Smoking?’** Cancer Nursing Journal

Author: Professor Lisa Whitehead, PhD, MA, BSc (hons) RN, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia – Topic: **‘Psychological treatments for depression and anxiety in dementia and mild cognitive impairment’** - Mental Health Nursing Journal

Author: Rhoda Redulla, DNP, RN-BC, Director of Education, Memorial Hospital of Salem County, New Jersey, USA, Adjunct Nursing Professor, Drexel University, Pennsylvania, USA – Topic **‘Bias due to**

**selective inclusion and reporting of outcomes and analyses in systematic reviews of randomised trials of healthcare interventions'** - International Journal of Evidence Based Healthcare

Author: Vicky Visvanathan CN, CCRN, PhD Candidate, MN, PG Dip. Critical Care Nursing, PG Cert. in Research Methodologies, University of South Australia – Topic: **'Interventions to reduce waiting times for elective procedures'** – International Journal of Nursing Studies

Author: Lindsay B. Bolt, RN MS, Clinical Nurse Educator, Institute for Nursing Excellence, Joanna Briggs Institute Centre for Synthesis and Implementation, UCSF Medical Centre and Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco, California – Topic: **'Securement Devices and Dressings for Preventing Peripheral Venous Catheter Complications'** – Nursing Times Journal

Author: Professor Lisa Whitehead, PhD, MA, BSc (hons) RN & Helen Myers, MNurs, BSc, RN – Title: **'The effect of hospital nurse staffing models on patient and staff-related outcomes'** – International Journal of Nursing Practice

## **Make a contribution to the CNCF newsletter**

We are very interested to hear from our readers regarding the content of this monthly newsletter.

We would be grateful to receive any stories, news or events information that may be of interest to our readers. All content submissions can be forwarded to the CNCF Coordinator, Alex Mignone – at [Alex.Mignone@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:Alex.Mignone@adelaide.edu.au)

