



“We often think of nursing as giving meds on time, checking an X-ray to see if the doctor needs to be called, or taking an admission at 2:00 a.m. with a smile on our faces. Too often, we forget all the other things that make our job what it truly is: caring and having a desire to make a difference.”

– Erin Pettengill - Missionary Nurse

CNCF – Director’s Report, Associate Professor Craig Lockwood

With the end of year rapidly approaching, it is natural that our attention turns to 2017, as well as to what has been achieved in 2016. Looking back over this year we can see there has been a massive amount of work, and the outcome of the activity you have been contributing to has established a strong global presence for the Nursing Care Field.

Some of the Field’s remarkable achievements include:

- The continuation of the review tagging project,
- A significant rebuild and rebrand of the website: <http://nursingcare.cochrane.org/home%20>
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- The re-naming of the CNCF (Cochrane Nursing Care),
- The establishment of a new template for Cochrane Corners to increase the profile and international recognition for Cochrane Nursing Care to disseminate Cochrane Evidence,

- The integration of Cochrane Central messaging in our own updates and messaging to members,
- The highly regarded series of case studies that report the experiences of Cochrane Nursing Care contributors, these have become a key impact message which the Cochrane Central Executive have noted, among other achievements.

I would like to start by expressing appreciation for the leadership of Alex Mignone in providing a point of contact and maintaining a huge program of Cochrane Corners over 2016, including establishing contracts with new journals that will greatly increase the visibility and impact of authorship of each Cochrane Corner. As the Field Coordinator, Alex has been your central point of contact, as well as writing and maintaining our newsletter, and meeting the requirements of publication schedules for national and international journals over 2016 – and I am delighted to be continuing to work with Alex in 2017.

Over the last few years, Cochrane has undertaken a massive review of its structure and function; this has included extensive stakeholder engagement as well as consultation with groups, entities and

individuals who volunteer their time to support Cochrane's mission and activities. Cochrane Nursing Care has been recognised for its decentralised structure and efficient operational processes. The 'Hub and Spoke' model used to facilitate collaboration and activity has enabled the field to be successful operationally and to engage widely without external funding. The Joanna Briggs Institute remains committed to supporting the Field and will continue to do so in 2017, but it is you who we really want to thank!

Without your willingness to volunteer time, expertise and support, Cochrane Nursing Care would not have been able to engage with the International Nursing community, would not have been able to increase access to, and accessibility of Cochrane evidence, and would not have been able to introduce many nurses to Cochrane tools, resources and evidence.

Some of you have also been involved in the structure and function review, and have contributed feedback. On behalf of Cochrane Nursing, thank you for supporting and assisting to inform the review. I am pleased to say it is almost complete, and there are several key documents that have now been released for public access which will make valuable and important reading for anyone who is considering engaging with Cochrane Nursing Care in 2017 or beyond.

The first of these documents is the Cochrane KT Strategy available from: <http://community.cochrane.org/review-production/dissemination-resources/knowledge-translation-strategy>

On the above site you will find the strategy, and additional documents related to facilitating and resourcing the strategy. This year I have been on a working group that

helped to establish the strategy and this work will conclude in mid-2017 – although all Cochrane groups are encouraged to read, prepare and consider how they might support the KT strategy.

The second key document is based upon the KT strategy, and that is the Fields Structure and Function review proposal. This document completely transforms the mission, scope of operations and level of stakeholder engagement and consultation for Cochrane Fields. It is in active discussion now, with a sub-group of the Fields executive working on a strategy for implementation that will be presented in Geneva, 2017. This document, when complete will be the trigger for a complete review of Cochrane Nursing Care, some activities we have maintained in the past will no longer be a core program activity, while activities that are outward facing and lead to greater engagement with individuals, societies, associations as well as professional and peak bodies to facilitate KT will have far greater prominence! The period of time between January and April 2017 will be a busy time of strategic review, and will inform this complete refresh of how we work – I am looking forward to bringing the final document back to the Nursing Community, but in the meantime, please feel free to read about the review of Fields via [this link: http://community.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/uploads/inline-files/Item%2012.4%20-%20Structure%20and%20Function%20Review%20Paper%203%20%28Fields%29%20-%20OPEN.pdf](http://community.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/uploads/inline-files/Item%2012.4%20-%20Structure%20and%20Function%20Review%20Paper%203%20%28Fields%29%20-%20OPEN.pdf)

As 2016 draws to a close, I want to thank you once again for your highly valued and expert input on Field activities this year. It has been a big year, great outcomes have been achieved and every contribution has had an impact.

I trust you will have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and will be back in touch with you in the New Year.

All the best,

Associate Professor Craig Lockwood,
Director: Cochrane Nursing Care



Photo: Field's meeting at the 2016 Cochrane Colloquium held in Seoul, South Korea from 23-27 October

A special acknowledgement of our CNCF Summary Writers, the Cochrane Review Groups and Collaborating Journals – Alex Mignone, CNCF Coordinator

Over the past 12 months, the CNCF has prepared and published in excess of 100 summaries on Cochrane reviews. This is an immense achievement for the Field and has had a significant impact on the global dissemination of Cochrane evidence. But the Field does not operate in a vacuum, so I would like to echo the words of our Field's Director and take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge those many professionals who have played an integral part in ensuring the CNCF meets the objectives of its mandate.

The CNCF continues to receive the dedicated and generous support of its volunteer writing group, which comprises an impressive resource of international healthcare professionals and academics with extensive expertise in nursing and the delivery of frontline healthcare. The focus

of the CNCF remains the provision of best practice evidence to those in direct care of patients in hospitals and medical institutes around the world. Expanding the reach of Cochrane's review evidence is a constantly developing endeavour for the Field, with the CNCF now working towards new and improved distribution techniques and strategic planning for 2017 and beyond that will see the focuses of the Field change.

Notwithstanding the support of the Field's writing group, the CNCF could not produce the same volume of high quality work without the ongoing support of the numerous Cochrane Review Groups that consistently assist and guide the Field with refining of its articles. With the involvement of these Groups and the original review authors, the Field has been able to improve its summaries to ensure the production and publication of succinct articles that accurately reflect the Cochrane review findings. Further still, these well-crafted summaries would be of little value without the support of the Field's collaborating journals publishing our 'Cochrane Corner' columns. These journals play a very important role in the international dissemination of this valuable evidence.

CNCF owes its existence to the many professionals that contribute their time without any reward, to ensure the distribution of Cochrane evidence for the benefit of healthcare workers around the world. I thank you all for your commitment to our Field's endeavours and look forward to working with you again in 2017 – Alex Mignone, Coordinator – Cochrane Nursing Care Field

CNCF Teleconference to Discuss Field's Activity in 2017

Over 2016 the CNCF Director, Associate Professor Craig Lockwood, has been involved in a series of teleconferences for the Cochrane Nursing Care Field. The

Fields, along with all Cochrane entities, are undergoing a review of structure and function. These conference calls with the Field's Executive Group are meetings of the working party that will undertake the review process for the Fields, supported by the Cochrane Central Executive. Associate Professor Lockwood is a member of this working party, which will provide recommendations to the Cochrane Steering Group in early 2017.

CNCF establishes publication agreement with UK's best-selling nursing journal



The CNCF is delighted to announce the establishment of a new publication agreement with the 'Nursing Standard', a periodical currently regarded as the UK's best-selling nursing journal.

The Nursing Standard brings its subscribers comprehensive coverage of leading clinical practice, research articles, and topics on continuing professional development, in addition to information and updates on critical developments in the nursing profession.

After becoming aware about the mission of the CNCF in the dissemination of best practice evidence in nursing care, the Nursing Standard initiated contact with our Field's Executive and proposed a collaboration for the regular publication of a 'Cochrane Corner'. The terms of the agreement have been settled, with

publication of the Field's summaries in this journal to commence in 2017.

Changes to the Cochrane Library in 2017

Cochrane are currently developing various enhancements to their Library that will provide greater functionality, making it easier for users to discover and use Cochrane content in their decision-making.

The first changes will roll out in early 2017 and include: enhancements to the display and new features for Cochrane Reviews and other articles; enhancements to CENTRAL; linking of the CDSR and CENTRAL; an improved search and discovery interface.

The Cochrane Library will maintain its familiar look-and-feel while improving the overall user experience. Researching user needs and stakeholder insights is a key component of development, and Cochrane are doing this research through one-to-one user testing with their Library users, and focus groups with members of the Cochrane community.

Reducing research waste – A message from the Cochrane Community

An estimated \$170 billion of research funding is wasted each year worldwide because its outcomes cannot be used. The waste occurs during 5 stages of research production: question selection, study design, research conduct, publication, and reporting. Much of this waste appears to be avoidable or remediable, but there are few proposed solutions.

In an effort to address this problem, Cochrane developed a survey that was given to a group of professionals who attended the Research Waste/EQUATOR Conference (Edinburg 2015), and who are involved in one or more of the Cochrane Groups. They were asked what Cochrane

could do to reduce this waste problem and support the Reward Alliance. The key outcomes for the survey were 1) Support priority setting processes for systematic reviews 2) Advocate for systematic reviews with funding organisations 3) Speed up the 'empty review' process 4) Work with partners to strengthen reporting of research 5) Automate the review process.

For more detail about the outcome of this survey go to - <http://community.cochrane.org/news/reducing-research-waste—messages-cochrane-community>

Cochrane Nursing Blogs

<http://www.evidentlycochrane.net/category/evidence-for-everyday-nursing/>

Cochrane aims to make their evidence more easily accessible, and to encourage discussion about it through weekly blogs. The blogs feature new or updated Cochrane reviews on health topics, and on occasion there will be multiple blogs on the same subject. It is for everyone who is interested in finding and using the best quality evidence to inform decisions about health.

The blogs are written for a non-medical audience, and many are aimed at people making choices about their own health or supporting friends and family in doing so. They give accessible summaries of reliable evidence and give an explanation for medical and research terms.

We encourage our CNCF members to connect with this blog as a valuable resource of evidence, and to share opinions and participate in discussions with other healthcare practitioners.

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

Author: Kate Maslin PhD, RD. Senior Research Fellow, School of Health Sciences and Social Work, University of Portsmouth, UK – Topic: **'Probiotics for the prevention of pediatric-antibiotic-associated diarrhea'** - Gastroenterology Nursing Journal

Author: Catriona Kennedy (PhD), Professor of Nursing and Siew Hwa Lee (PhD), Lecturer. School of Nursing and Midwifery, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland – Title: **'To assess the efficacy and safety of manual lymphatic drainage in treating breast cancer related treatment'** - Breast Cancer Care: Nursing Network News

Author: Graham Noyce, Senior Lecturer, School of Health Sciences and Social Work, University of Portsmouth, Hampshire – Topic: **'Crisis intervention for people with severe mental illness'** - Mental Health Nursing Journal

Author: Professor Lisa Whitehead, PhD, MA, BSc (hons) RN, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia – Topic: **'Supportive therapy for schizophrenia'** - Mental Health Nursing Journal

Author: Josie Bidwell, DNP, RN, FNP-C, Assistant Professor of Nursing, University of Mississippi Medical Center – **'Intravenous magnesium sulfate for treating children with acute asthma in the emergency department'** – American Journal of Nursing

Cresilda T. Newsom, DNP MSN RN CPAN, Clinician at the University of California San Diego Health System, U.S. – Topic: **'Routine Ultrasound in Late Pregnancy (after 24 weeks' gestation)'** - Nursing for Women's Health Journal

Author: Hung da, Dai RN. PhD. Main OR, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taiwan, ROC, Nursing School, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan, ROC – Topic: ***'The use of ultrasound guidance for perioperative neuraxial and peripheral nerve blocks in children'*** - Journal of Perioperative Practice

Author: Patrick Phillips RN, BSc, MSc Registered Nurse (Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) and Research Associate (School of Health and Related Research, the University of Sheffield) – Topic: ***'Omega 3 fatty acids for the treatment of dementia'*** - International Journal of Nursing Studies

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

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