

What's new in Cochrane Musculoskeletal reviews?

In the latest issue of the Cochrane Library (Issue 2, 2009), the Cochrane Musculoskeletal Group (CMSG) did not publish any new or updated reviews. However, the CMSG has recently facilitated publication of a series of articles for *Australian Family Physician*. The articles disseminate the results of recent Cochrane reviews and educate healthcare practitioners in how they can be used to inform their clinical practice. Eight articles were published, each focussed on a particular topic and used common clinical scenarios to show how the results can be applied in general practice. Although the series was aimed at GPs, the articles may also be of interest to rheumatologists:

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- Winzenberg T, Powell S, Jones G. Strontium ranelate. Does it affect the management of postmenopausal osteoporosis? *AFP* 2007;36:631-2. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200708/18526>)
- Gartlan J, Nelson M, Jones G. Osteoarthritis management of the knee. Treatment options post the NSAID cardiotoxicity controversy. *AFP* 2007; 36:717-8. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200709/18553>)
- Shaw K, Zochling J, Winzenberg T. Nonpharmacological interventions for rheumatoid arthritis. *AFP* 2007; 36:840-1. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200710/29142>)
- Walters J, Howes F, Buchbinder R. Oral corticosteroids - their place in the management of adhesive capsulitis. *AFP* 2007; 36:927-9. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200711/29117>)
- Davey M, Buchbinder R. Glucocorticoids in early rheumatoid arthritis. *AFP* 2008; 37:31-32. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200801/29031>)
- McMahon K, Nelson M, Jones G. Treating the symptoms of osteoarthritis. Oral treatments. *AFP* 2008; 37:133-5. (Full text available at: <http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/200803/29058>)

A reminder for any advanced trainees who need to complete a research project, you can contact us if you would like to do a Cochrane systematic review as your project. Contact the CMSG Australian Editorial Base Managing Editor, Renea Johnston (Renea.Johnston@med.monash.edu.au) or phone (03) 9508 1774 (Mon, Tues, Wed).