

The Cochrane Library and other evidence-based resources: course outline

Please read this carefully before booking or coming to the course to make sure that it is the most appropriate course for your experience and need. If you have any questions please contact Mary Last on ext 1545 or email mary.last@ipswichhospital.nhs.uk

Course aims

To explain the value of the Cochrane Library as a resource to support clinical effectiveness and to demonstrate how to search it, and complementary resources, effectively.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course you will:

- Be aware of the content and nature of the Cochrane Library and when to use it
- Be able to conduct searches with confidence on the Cochrane Library
- Be aware of a range of other resources which provide access to secondary research and core primary literature

Course contents

- Understanding the hierarchy of evidence and systematic reviews
- What the Cochrane Library is and when to use it
- Browsing the Cochrane Library
- Searching the Cochrane Library
- Viewing, printing and saving search results
- Registering and setting up a personal profile on the Cochrane Library
- Searching other resources, including the TRIP database and NHS Evidence, and using search filters

The course is designed to be both practical and interactive. There will be an opportunity to practice set exercises and to look for information that interests you and to ask questions.

Course duration

2 ½ to 3 hours

Pre-course requirements

- ✓ Competent keyboard and mouse skills
- ✓ Experience of using the Internet
- ✓ Experience of searching online databases preferable but not essential