Workshops: Assessing confidence in evidence from reviews of effectiveness (GRADE) and reviews of qualitative research (GRADE-CERQual)

GRADE
21st November 2018, Oslo (0900-1700)

GRADE CERQual
22nd November 2018, Oslo (0900-1700)

Cochrane Norway and Cochrane Sweden welcome you to a one-day workshop in the use of GRADE, followed by a one-day workshop in the use of GRADE-CERQual. Participants are welcome to attend both workshops or only one.

Background: A systematic review identifies, appraises and synthesises individual studies about a particular question. GRADE is used to assess the certainty of (or confidence in) evidence from systematic reviews of effectiveness and the strength of recommendations in guidelines. Similarly, GRADE-CERQual is used to assess how much confidence to place in findings from systematic reviews of qualitative research.

Workshop objectives: To deepen understanding and gain practical experience in the GRADE approach, either for reviews of effectiveness evidence or for reviews of qualitative evidence.

Workshop on GRADE for reviews of effectiveness evidence:
- To introduce and discuss the GRADE approach on how to assess the certainty of evidence from systematic reviews on the effects of interventions.
• To introduce and discuss the GRADE approach on how to assess the strength of recommendations in guidelines
• To apply the GRADE approach to examples of findings from systematic reviews of effects of interventions, and on recommendations based on the same evidence

Workshop on GRADE-CERQual for reviews of qualitative evidence:
• To explore why and when it might be useful to include evidence from qualitative research in a healthcare decision
• To introduce and discuss the GRADE-CERQual approach for assessing confidence in the evidence from reviews of qualitative research
• To apply the GRADE-CERQual approach to examples of review findings from systematic reviews of qualitative evidence

Workshop format: Both workshops will use a combination of short lectures, small group learning based around worked examples and exercises, and plenary discussion. Participants will also be provided with a short reading list in advance of the workshops. The workshop will be run in English.

Participant criteria: The workshop is targeted at authors or users of systematic reviews. Participants do not have to be Cochrane contributors.

Participants interested in the GRADE-CERQual workshop are expected to be familiar with primary qualitative research methods.

Workshop location: Both workshops will be held at the following venue: Norwegian Institute of Public Health in Oslo (www.fhi.no)
Marcus Thranes gt. 6, 7th floor

Participant fees: Each workshop will cost 900 NOK (1500 NOK for both days). This fee will also cover lunch and coffee during the workshops.¹

Registration deadline: October 31st, to be completed on: https://sweden.cochrane.org/courses-workshops

¹ Staff at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health participate for free but will not be prioritised. An additional workshop for staff at the Institute will be organised at a later date if there is a lack of space at this workshop.