

# The Cochrane Peripheral Vascular Diseases Group

## Notes for Review Authors Completing the Title Registration Form

### Proposed Title

There is a standard format for Cochrane Titles:

*[intervention] FOR [health problem/ issue]* e.g. surgery for small asymptomatic abdominal aortic aneurysms

*[intervention A] VERSUS [intervention B] FOR [health problem/ issue]* e.g. surgery versus non-surgical treatment for femoral pseudoaneurysms

*[intervention] FOR [health problem/issue] IN [participant group]* e.g. intravenous immunoglobulin for treatment of Kawasaki disease in children

### Motivation for the Review

For example, is this going to be part of a PhD; is it part of a larger project; is it particularly topical at the present time?

### Description of proposal

Your proposal should not overlap with reviews already published or underway. Please refer to the protocols and reviews currently published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews on *The Cochrane Library* for this information. To identify our Group's publications, use the search term HM-PVD.

#### (a) Objective

What is the research question?

#### (b) Rationale for review

Explain why the review is important. You may provide citations of relevant papers.

#### (c) Types of study

Outline the types of studies that will be included in the review. Give thought to whether there are aspects of study methodology that you feel render the study invalid for inclusion, e.g. lack of randomisation, failure to conceal allocation or, in reviews where the outcomes are very subjective (e.g. global assessment of improvement or levels of depression), blinding of the outcome assessor.

See section 4.2.4 of the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions. (LINK ONLY <http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/handbook/hbook.htm>)

#### (d) Participants

Outline the types of populations to be included and excluded, with thought given to aspects of the participants receiving the intervention, e.g. age and gender, the type/stage of disease/condition, the method of diagnosis, and co-morbidities.

#### (e) Interventions and specific comparisons to be made

Outline what variations of the intervention (e.g. dose, mode of delivery, who delivers it) will be included and the intervention will be compared to e.g. placebo or no treatment, or other interventions.

Reviews of Interventions (LINK ONLY <http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/handbook/hbook.htm>)

#### (f) Outcomes

List primary (the main conclusions will be based on the primary outcomes) and secondary outcomes to be included in the review, giving thought to those likely to be important to those suffering the disorder as well as those treating them. Give thought to the inclusion of adverse effects. Finally, give

some thought to how your outcomes may be measured, both the type of scale or count likely to be used and the timing of the measurement.

### **(g) What subgroup analysis do you intend to undertake?**

Will certain factors be investigated for their influence on the size of the treatment effect, e.g. dose of active treatment?

### **(h) Other information relevant to this proposal**

e.g. relevance of review to consumers, and ideas for consumer input into review

## **Proposed authors**

List names of those who will be cited as authors on the final publication.

### **Contact author name:**

This is the person who develops and co-ordinate the review team, discusses and assigns roles for individual members of the review team, liaises with the editorial base and takes responsibility for the on-going updates of the review

### **Co-author(s) name(s):**

There should be at least one co-author; add as many names as necessary

### **Content expert name:**

There should be at least one person on the review team who has content expertise

### **Methodologist name:**

There should be at least one person on the review team who has methodological expertise

### **Statistician name:**

There should be at least one person on the review team who has statistical expertise

## **Do you or your co-authors have any interests in this topic that could be perceived as conflicts of interest?**

Cochrane Reviews should be free of any real or perceived bias introduced by the receipt of any benefit in cash or kind, any hospitality, or any subsidy derived from any source that may have or be perceived to have an interest in the outcome of the review. It is a matter of Cochrane Collaboration policy that direct funding from a single source with a vested interest in the results of the review is not acceptable.

## **Roles and responsibilities**

It is the contact author's responsibility to discuss and assign roles for individual members of the review team and to develop the review team to ensure that there is provision for the review to be updated, even if the contact author cannot continue in this role. Whilst keeping in mind that roles may change during the preparation of the review, it is important to discuss at an early stage how each co-author will contribute. Please give an indication that the responsibility for the preparation of the review is in hand by specifying who has agreed to complete the following tasks.

## **Other information, and assistance requested**

Please answer yes or no

## **Provisional dates for submission of drafts to editorial base**

Titles must be approved by the editorial team before you start to prepare the protocol/review. Note that the policy of the group, in accordance with that of The Cochrane Collaboration requires that you submit your protocol within three months of registering the title, and that the review is submitted within twelve months of the protocol being published.

## **Agreement to Editorial Review and Publication in Cochrane Library**

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## **Details of contact author**

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