

Annual Report 2023 – Cochrane Sweden

Cochrane Sweden, launched in 2017, is a Unit at Research and Education department at Skåne University Hospital, Lund. In these years, Cochrane Sweden expanded the range of activities, in different directions.

Evidence synthesis

2023 has probably been the most successful year. First of all, in terms of number of Cochrane reviews published: 17 Cochrane reviews in these 12 months. Of note, nobody else in the world have published so many Cochrane reviews in 2023 as the director of Cochrane Sweden, Matteo Bruschetti. The full list of these reviews is available at <https://sweden.cochrane.org/publications-2023>. Two of these reviews, on the use of caffeine in preterm infants, have been commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO), directly to the director of Cochrane Sweden ([link](#)), and used in the WHO international guidelines ([link](#)). Cochrane Sweden has been funded also to prepare a national guideline on the same topic, caffeine in preterm infants. Cochrane Sweden is currently involving the main Swedish institutions, following the steps in the preparation of a national guideline.

Training and education

In 2023, Cochrane Sweden has delivered courses, workshops and seminars for delegates in Lund, Malmö, Stockholm, Uppsala, Gothenburg, Kristianstad and Linköping. These events, involving hundreds of participants, have been very successful and resulted in new collaborations. At the individual level, clinicians and researchers joined the Cochrane network and engaged in new research project. At the institutional level, more institutions agreed to fund Cochrane Sweden to support our work. At the international level, more than 20 people from Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Australia are currently cooperating with Cochrane Sweden, resulting in extremely high productivity and internationalization. Thanks to the fruitful collaboration between Cochrane Sweden and the Lund University Library, Lund University is the first academic institution to provide free access to the three main tools for the preparation of systematic reviews (Covidence, Cochrane Interactive Learning modules and RevMan Web). Furthermore, an initiative to pilot new methodologies for creating guidelines within Sweden and sharing guideline resources across guideline organizations have been initiated by Cochrane Sweden, with will be a key area for the upcoming year.

Future directions

Based on what described above, Cochrane Sweden has been selected to join an international research project on the condition called post-covid, or long-covid. This will be the largest grant to Cochrane Sweden for 2024, and will allow to further grow in terms of capacity and impact, both in Sweden and at the international level. The knowledge acquired within this project will dramatically strengthen Cochrane Sweden and open the door for new partnerships.

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