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Events

2014 Mixed Methods International Research Association Workshop Series  
June 29, 2014  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  

InterTASC Information Specialists (ISSG) Workshop  
July 9, 2014  
University of Exeter, Exeter, UK  
http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/pentag/workstreams/informationscience/intertascissgworkshop/

CILIP Health Libraries Group Conference 2014  
July 24-25, 2014  
Oxford, UK  
http://www.cilip.org.uk/health-libraries-group/events/cilip-health-libraries-group-conference-2014

York Health Economic Consortium 2014 courses  
University of York, York, UK  
http://www.yhec.co.uk/training/  
• Advanced Search Techniques for Systematic Reviews, Health Technology Assessment and Guideline Development (29 April 2014);  
• Advanced Search Strategy Design: Search Filters, Text Analytics and Text Mining [newly redesigned course] (30 April 2014);  
• Understanding Searching Techniques to Inform HTA, Systematic Reviews and Guideline Development (09 May 2014);  
• Economic Evaluations and Economic Evidence in Healthcare: Finding Information to Inform Technology Assessments and Economic Models (21 May 2014);  
• Indirect and Mixed Treatment Comparisons (26 June 2014).

Publications of Interest


http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3738075/

Turner EH. How to access and process FDA drug approval packages for use in research. BMJ. 2013 Oct 14;347:f5992.  
http://www.bmj.com/content/347/bmj.f5992

http://www.systematicreviewsjournal.com/content/pdf/2046-4053-2-78.pdf


http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/13/118

http://www.systematicreviewsjournal.com/content/2/1/115


Website of Interest

mHealth Evidence (http://www.mhealthevidence.org/)
From the website:
mHealth is the use of mobile information and communication technologies for improving health. It can be used for a wide range of purposes, including health promotion and illness prevention, health care delivery, training and supervision, electronic payments, and information systems. Many believe that it has the potential to shift the paradigm on when, where, how and by whom health services are provided and accessed.
mHealthEvidence.org was designed to bring together the world’s literature on mHealth effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and program efficiency, to make it easier for software developers, researchers, program managers, funders and other key decision-makers to quickly get up to speed on the current state-of-the-art. It includes peer-reviewed and grey literature from high-, middle- and low-resource settings.

IRG Research Activities

SuRe Info (www.sure-info.org) is a new open-access web resource that provides research-based information relating to the information retrieval aspects of producing health technology assessments and systematic reviews. It seeks to help information specialists stay up-to-date in the latest developments in this field and to support research-based information retrieval practice.
Information retrieval methods publications are identified by running topic-specific search strategies in selected relevant databases. Publications fulfilling the SuRe Info inclusion criteria receive a structured abstract along with a brief critical appraisal prepared by one SuRe Info information specialist and checked by another. The key messages from the appraisals are then summarized into topic-specific chapters.
Six chapters have been published so far; these are updated twice a year. Several new chapters are in preparation and the aim is to publish all chapters by summer 2015.
SuRe Info is developed by an HTAi IRG working group, and is published as part of the HTAi Vortal. For more information about SuRe Info, please contact Sari Ormstad: sor@nokc.no.

The IRG eNewsletter is put together by the current Chair (David Kaunelis, Canada) and Chair-Elect (Ingrid Harboe, Norway). Have any events, news, or interesting papers or websites you want to share? Just email DavidK@cadth.ca or Ingrid.Harboe@kunnskapssenteret.no.