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Events

CASP 4 Day Train the Trainer Course (Critical Appraisal Skills Programme)
16-19 May 2016
Venue: Kellogg College, Oxford, UK
http://www.casp-uk.net/#train-the-trainer/cw0d

Rapid Review Methods
Thursday, 19 May 2016
The University of Sheffield, School of Health and Related Research
Sheffield, UK
https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/scharr/shortcourseunit/rapid_review_methods

EAHIL 2016
European Association for Health Information and Libraries
6-11 June 2016
Seville, Spain
http://www.bvsspa.es/eahil2016/

Regulatory Data Workshop (the use of regulatory information for research synthesis)
Tuesday, 21 June 2016
Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, University of Oxford
Oxford, UK
http://www.cebm.net/regulatory-data-workshop/

CILIP Conference
Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
12-13 July 2016
Brighton, UK
Early bird discount ends on 29 April 2016
http://cilipconference.org.uk/

LIS 2016
International Conference on Library and Information Science
12-14 July 2016
Kyoto, Japan
http://soci-science.org/LIS/

The 14th Australasian Data Mining Conference
6-8 December 2016
Canberra, Australia
http://ausdm16.ausdm.org/

Publications of Interest

PubMed Commons comments: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26932789#comments


http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4722642/


Hayman, SL. Knowing how good our searches are: an approach derived from search filter development methodology. Evid Based Libr Inf Pract. 2015;(10)4:7-23.

Lunny C, McKenzie JE, McDonald S. Retrieval of overviews of systematic reviews in MEDLINE was improved by the development of an objectively derived and validated search strategy. J Clin Epidemiol. 2015 Dec 23. [Epub ahead of print]


http://www.jclinepi.com/article/S0895-4356%2816%2900058-5/fulltext

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4513072/
PubMed Commons comments: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=26129895#comments


http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4761798/

Thompson JC, Quigley JM, Halfpenny NJ, Scott DA, Hawkins NS. Importance and methods of
PubMed Commons comments: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26912572#comments

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4722641/

Websites of Interest

Rapid-Reviews.info
http://rapid-reviews.info/
This blog, run by Jon Brassey, creator of the Trip Database, questions the usefulness of systematic reviews and seeks to find alternative methods for the production of useful evidence via evidence synthesis. From the website: “this blog is for people who think things need to change in relation to evidence synthesis. If you support the status quo and are afraid of challenge then best not come back!”

Systematic Review Methods Filter at PubMed
From the website: “The PubMed systematic review methods filter finds publications to support [the systematic review] process. They could relate to the development or evaluation of any step in doing or using systematic reviews...The scope covers both methods research and guidance. Articles that are solely educational or opinion pieces are not included. The publications include citations to journal articles as well as full-text documents at PubMed.”

HTA Database Canadian Repository
http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PanHTA/
From the website: “Health technology assessment producers from Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta have partnered with the National Institute for Health Research, Centre for Reviews and Dissemination to create a common repository for Canadian HTA reports within the existing international HTA Database. The goal of this repository is to promote collaboration and reduce duplication among both Canadian and International HTA producers and to encourage the use of health technology assessments for evidence-based health care decision making within Canada.”

IRG Research Activities

SuRe Info (http://www.sure-info.org) is a web resource providing overviews of current research evidence in information retrieval of interest to producers of Health Technology Assessments and systematic reviews. SuRe Info is produced by experienced information specialists from within the Interest Group on Information Resources (IRG) of HTAi who volunteer their time and expertise to keep the overviews current. The founding managers of SuRe Info were Sari Ormstad and Jaana Isojärvi. Sari has stood down at the end of March 2016 and from April 2016 the managers will be Julie Glanville and Jaana Isojärvi. A new SuRe Info chapter «Value of using different search approaches» (http://www.htai.org/vortal/?q=node/993) prepared by Carolyn Dorée, Elke Hausner, Mariann Mathisen and Siw Waffenschmidt was published last month. SuRe Info welcomes new authors and collaborators. We also welcome suggestions for new chapters and other developments: please contact Julie Glanville (julie.glanville@york.ac.uk).

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