

## **Tweetchat with Iain Chalmers 7-8pm GMT Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

### **What is a tweetchat?**

A tweetchat is a conversation on twitter around a specific topic, often at a set time. Anyone can join in so long as they have Twitter. A specific hashtag is used to allow followers to keep track of, and get involved in the conversation. For our tweetchats we'll be using the **#CochraneTrainees** hashtag.

### **Why should I take part in a tweetchat?**

Tweetchats can be a great way of both learning about a new topic and connecting with others who have a similar interest. We will be recording our conversations and documenting them on our webpage so we have a record for you to refer back to after the chat.

### **How do I take part in a tweetchat?**

Taking part in a tweetchat is easy, just get on twitter and get involved! Make sure you use the hashtag so your comments will be included. If you just want to follow the conversation, enter the hashtag into the search bar or simply click on the hashtag.

### **What will we be chatting about?**

We'll be talking to Iain Chalmers about systematic reviews and evidence. See our podcast and Iain's blog (links in 'Resources' below). The podcast and blog discuss:

- How common were systematic reviews before Cochrane came about?
- How were they [Cochrane reviews] received? Were clinicians supportive?
- Do Cochrane reviews 'work'? Do they change practice?
- Do Cochrane reviews need a 'shelf life'?

### **What will happen?**

The tweetchat will be 'opened' by the moderator (@CochraneUK) at 7pm for 1 hour. We'll be joined by Iain Chalmers (@iainchalmersTTi) who will be taking part in the chat and able to answer questions. The moderator will also guide the chat with open questions on the 3-4 broad topics above over the hour.

### **Some tips for getting the most out of a tweetchat:**

- Make sure you use the hashtag for every interaction, but please stay on topic during the chat!
- Take a look at the resources beforehand so you are informed when you join the discussion

### **Resources**

- WeCommunities guide to twitter and tweetchats:  
<http://www.wecomunities.org/tweet-chats>
- Brief guides to systematic reviews:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egllW4vkb1Y>

- Podcast – ‘Cochrane Trainees in conversation with Iain Chalmers’ - <https://soundcloud.com/user-10366551/cochranetrainees-in-conversation-with-iain-chalmers>
- Blog – ‘Should the Cochrane Logo be Accompanied by a Health Warning?’, written by Iain Chalmers - <http://www.evidentlycochrane.net/cochrane-logo-health-warning/>