

## *2002 Cochrane Colloquium: Stavenger, Norway*

### **Title of workshop: Determining study design classification of potential trial reports using MEDLINE abstracts as examples (advanced)**

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#### **Abstract:**

Currently hundreds of handsearchers around the world are searching journals, conference proceedings, and other sources of reports to identify randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and controlled clinical trials (CCTs) that can potentially be used in Cochrane Reviews. Distinguishing between RCTs, CCTs, and non-trials in published reports and abstracts is not always easy. This handsearch training workshop will use MEDLINE abstracts of trial and non-trial reports to demonstrate differentiation between RCTs, CCTs, and non-trials in instances where there may be confusion about study design classification, and where relevant information about the study design is available in the MEDLINE abstract. Electronic versions of the reports to be reviewed at the session will be made available to all participants beforehand and participants should bring them to the workshop.

This advanced workshop is targeted to Trials Search Coordinators and handsearchers who have previous experience in identifying and classifying trial reports, and will provide new examples and updated materials for participants who have attended previous versions of the workshop.