**Cochrane Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Functional Bowel Disorders Review Group**

**Author Training Workshop – September 22-24, 2017**

**Cochrane Standard Author Training Workshop**

Are you thinking of undertaking a Cochrane review? Have you recently registered a review title with a Cochrane group? If so, please join us at Western University for Cochrane's standard author training course in September 2017.

Take this three-day session to learn the basic skills of conducting a Cochrane review. Topics include protocols, setting your question, literature searching, study selection, assessing bias, data and analysis, formulating conclusions, and a hands-on session with the Review Manager software.

This workshop is suitable if you:

* Have registered a review title about **interventions,** and are ready to begin writing your protocol
* Have **little or no experience** in systematic reviews

OR

* You are experiencing difficulty defining the scope of your review

**What will be covered?**

**PROGRAM**

1. Overview of the Cochrane Collaboration and Systematic Reviews
2. Defining the Research Question and Developing a Protocol
3. Systematic Searching of the Literature
4. Study Selection
5. Critical Appraisal and Risk of Bias tool
6. Data extraction
7. Analysis and Interpretation
8. GRADE, Summary of Findings tables & Completing Your Review
9. RevMan

We use a mixture of teaching styles, but this workshop is based mainly around small group discussions to develop and refine the background and objectives sections of your protocol.

While the course is being organized and delivered by the Cochrane IBD Group, the course is not specific to gastroenterology topics.

**What will I achieve?**

By the end of the workshop, you should:

* Be confident of the question your review is addressing and the implications for the review methods you will use
* Understand the scope of your review
* Have entered the criteria for selecting studies and objectives sections of the protocol into RevMan

The course will be held from approximately 9am to 5pm over three days in September: **Friday 22th, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th** at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, London, Ontario, Canada.

A registration fee of $350.00 CDN (includes HST) includes materials, lunch and refreshments.

Registration information will be forthcoming.

**Please note**:

* Participants are required to **bring their own laptop** for course work. Free internet access will be provided.
* **Accomodation** is not included in the cost of registration. Local hotels, in order of proximity to the workshop include:
  + Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Road, London, Ontario, N5X 2T1, 519-679-4546 or 888-678-6926 <http://www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com/>. Single rooms are available from CAD$ 124 per night.
  + Windermere Manor, 200 Collip Circle, London, Ontario, 519-858-1414 or 1-800-997-4477 <http://www.windermeremanor.com/>
* **Transportation** - The course will be held at the [Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre](http://www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com/), located at 551 Windermere Road, London, Ontario, N5X 2T1.
  + Free parking onsite.
  + Local Taxi companies include: U Need A Cab (519 438 2121), Yellow Taxi (519 657 1111), Your Taxi (519 432 2222) and Green Taxi (519 777 8888). You will not need a taxi if you are staying at the Ivey Spenser Leadership Centre.
  + London is served by the London International Airport (YXU). Executive Sedan Service [Executive Sedan Service](http://www.executivesedanservice.ca/) (519 652 6310 or 1 888 652 2222) and [Checker Limousine](http://www.voyageurtransportation.ca/services/checker_limousine/overview) (519 659 0400) offer ground transportation between the airport and London.
* **Cancellation and Refunds Policy** - If you cancel your registration prior to 31 August 2017, we will issue a refund for your payment less a $25.00 cancellation fee. No refunds after 31 August 2017. You may transfer your registration to another person without penalty provided you inform John MacDonald by 15 September 2017 ([john.macdonald@robartsinc.com](mailto:john.macdonald@robartsinc.com)).

Please email John MacDonald if you have any questions or concerns ([john.macdonald@robartsinc.com](mailto:john.macdonald@robartsinc.com))