Further Course Information

Course fee: £850 per delegate.
Fee includes 3 course dinner and drinks reception on 15 July at Oriel College, Oxford.
Discount for students.

Oriel College, Oxford

Course on Network Meta-Analysis
Rhodes House
South Parks Road
Oxford
14-16 July 2014

How to appraise, interpret and publish a network meta-analysis
A 3-day course for clinicians, researchers and policy makers, with formal lectures and group work.

For more information please contact the Course Coordinator

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This course is intended for clinicians, researchers and decision modellers interested in the use of evidence-based medicine in clinical practice, who want to expand and deepen their knowledge on indirect and mixed treatment comparisons (the so-called, Network Meta-Analysis - NMA), in the context of clinical effectiveness evaluation.

The course will focus on all the steps needed to be able to understand, critically appraise and interpret a NMA. A selected group of expert clinicians, researchers and scientists with a strong track record in the field of NMA, will guide you during the 3-day course. This is an informal, hands-on course, based on a mixture of lectures and practical work. Course tutors are available throughout to answer questions and help with group work.

**Aims of the course:**
- Understand what is a NMA and its underlying assumptions
- Become familiar with the different ways of presenting results in NMA
- Critically appraise NMAs
- Identify clinical questions to be addressed in the context of a NMA
- Understand the key features of a NMA protocol
- Learn some tips on how to write the manuscript and reply to peer reviewers’ comments

**Program**

**Monday 14 July 2014**

10.00  Registration
10.30  Welcome and introduction to Day 1
11.00  Development of meta-analysis: a personal view
12.00  Basic assumptions of NMA — I
13.00  Lunch
14.00  Basic assumptions of NMA — II
15.30  Break (coffee, tea and biscuits)
15.45  How to frame the research question in NMA
17.30  End

**Tuesday 15 July 2014**

9.00   Introduction to Day 2 and catching up
9.30   Protocol for NMA
11.00  Break (coffee, tea and biscuits)
11.15  Identifying unpublished trials
12.00  Building the database for NMA
13.00  Lunch
14.00  Understanding statistical analyses in NMA
15.30  Break (coffee, tea and biscuits)
15.45  Presenting results of a NMA
17.30  End

19.30  Dinner (Oriel College - Oxford)

**Wednesday 16 July 2014**

8.30  Introduction to Day 3 and catching up
9.00  Critical appraisal and GRADE of NMAs
10.15  Break (coffee, tea and biscuits)
10.30  Critical appraisal and GRADE of NMAs
12.00  Regulatory implications of network meta-analysis
13.00  Lunch
14.00  Some tips on how to write the manuscript of a NMA and reply to the most common comments from peer reviewers
15.30  Final address and “take home” messages
16.00  Adjourn

**Course speakers:**

Doug Altman, Director, Centre for Statistics in Medicine, University of Oxford. UK

Deborah Caldwell, Research Fellow, School of Social and Community Medicine, University of Bristol, UK.

Andrea Cipriani, Senior Clinical Researcher, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, UK.

Toshi Furukawa, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Promotion and Human Behaviour, School of Public Health, University of Kyoto, Japan.

John Geddes, Professor of Epidemiological Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, UK

Stefan Leucht, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Technische Universität München, Germany.

Tianjing Li, Assistant Professor, Center for Clinical Trials, Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA.

Huseyin Naci, London School of Economics & Political Science, London, UK

Georgia Salanti, Assistant Professor, Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, School of Medicine, University of Ioannina, Greece.