

# Cochrane Clinical Answers: A Cochrane/Wiley partnership to enhance use of Cochrane Review evidence for clinical decision-making

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**Background:** Cochrane Clinical Answers (CCAs) were developed in response to feedback from clinicians that, while they highly valued Cochrane Systematic Review evidence, the length of a Cochrane Review meant it was difficult to read and apply in a busy, time-sensitive clinical setting. CCAs are aimed at health professionals at the point of care, mimicking the way they approach information-gathering and designed to help bridge the evidence-to-practice implementation barrier.

**Objectives:** To review the growth and development of CCAs since the inception of the product.

**Results:** The first CCA website was launched in November 2013 with 100 CCAs covering 10 clinical areas and written primarily by US-based clinicians (Figure 1).

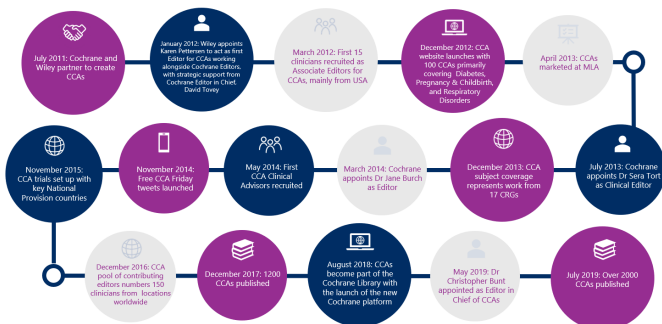


Figure 1. CCA highlights since their creation in 2011.

In 2019, we have over 2000 CCAs covering clinical areas from all of the Cochrane Review Groups (Figure 2) and written by clinicians worldwide (Figure 3). Figure 4 shows the growth of CCA content from 2013 to 2018.

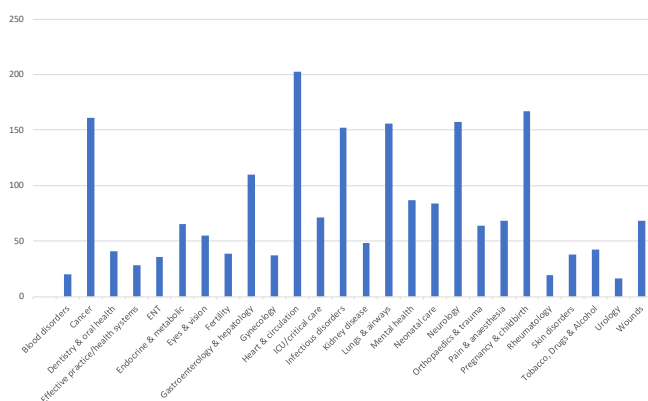


Figure 2. CCA coverage by clinical area in 2019.

Our selection processes evolved over time, beginning with building core content across the clinical areas with the highest disease burden (based on hospitalisation rates and visits to General/Family Practitioners), and moving to creating CCAs based on all clinically-focused, practice-enhancing new and updated Cochrane Reviews. In 2018, with the re-platforming of the Cochrane Library, CCAs became part of the suite of databases available to all Cochrane Library users.

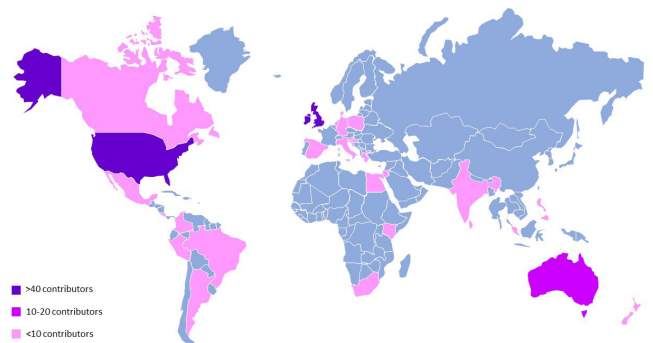


Figure 3. Number of CCA contributors worldwide.

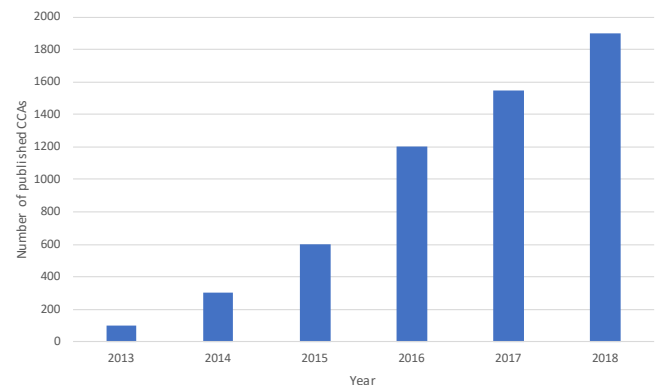


Figure 4. CCA content growth from 2013 to 2018.

**Conclusions:** CCAs have become an important tool within the Cochrane Library to inform joint clinician-patient treatment choice. In April 2019, we appointed our inaugural Editor-in-Chief (EiC) of CCAs, Dr Christopher Bunt, to work alongside Karla Soares-Weiser, EiC of the Cochrane Library, to derive an ongoing strategy for development of CCAs and further realise our shared vision of effectively contributing to Cochrane's knowledge translation strategy and ensuring Cochrane's high-quality evidence improves patient health.