



Summary of this bulletin

Major update of a resource for getting evidence from research on prescribing practice and medicines use:

Rx for Change Interventions Database: update of the database of interventions to promote optimal prescribing and medicines use.

Rx for Change Interventions Database: updated on December 23rd 2010

The *Rx for Change Interventions Database* is a freely accessible and 'first of its kind' tool for current evidence about the effects of strategies to improve prescribing practice and medicines use. Housed on the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) website, it is a key resource for healthcare professionals, policy makers and consumers.

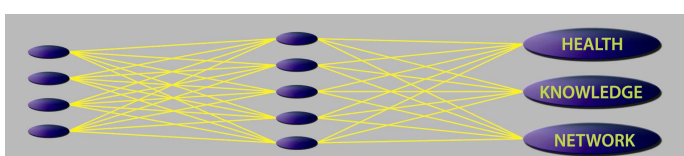
Originally published online in April 2007, the database contains 'summaries of key findings from systematic reviews that evaluate strategies targeting professionals, organisation of health care, and consumers'. A major update of the database was published on December 23rd, with the work undertaken jointly by the Cochrane Consumers and Communication Review Group and the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC).

The consumer section of the database now contains summaries of 63 reviews of interventions directed to consumers to promote safe and effective medicines use with 15 new reviews and one updated review added in this major update. These reviews cover medicines use in a range of diseases, populations and settings. In addition, the consumer intervention category summaries have been substantially updated with new evidence; and a large number of new reviews of interventions directed to professionals and the organisation of care have also been added to the database in this most recent update.

Rx for Change database: <http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/compus/interventions>, click on 'Consumer' to view the evidence on interventions targeting consumers.

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