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## **New Zealand Evidence Based Practice Awards**

**Entries close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005**

The New Zealand Branch of the Australasian Cochrane Centre and the New Zealand Guidelines Group are offering Evidence Based Practice Awards. These awards are for those who have demonstrated the best use of research evidence, contained in a guideline or from the Cochrane Library, to enhance patient care. Entries are sought from all healthcare workers, including primary/community care workers, librarians, students/health professionals in training, government policy makers and consumer organisations.

**To enter go to <http://www.cochrane.org.nz/>**

### **The Awards**

The value of the Guideline Users and Cochrane Users awards are \$500 each. These awards are open to all applicants New Zealand wide. There will also be a runner up prize for the Guideline award of \$300.

Entry to the awards is free.

Entries may be submitted by individuals or in partnership with others.

The awards will be shared equally among all applicants named on the entry form.

### **Conditions of Entry**

Applicants must submit an abstract of no more than 500 words, suitable for publication, explaining how the evidence, contained in the Cochrane Library or a guideline, was used to enhance the health care of New Zealanders. Evidence used within the last 5 years is applicable.

## **Abstract Requirements**

The abstracts for each award, of no more than 500 words, must address the following five questions (when relevant):

- What clinical situation led you to seek information?
- What information did you use from the Cochrane Library or Guideline?
- What did you do with this information?
- What changes were made to patient care?
- What were the real benefits to the patient(s) over time?

## **Referees**

Applicants are required to nominate two referees who can confirm the effect of the intervention resulted from evidence accessed from the Cochrane Library or Guideline.

### **Who Can Enter**

The New Zealand Cochrane Users Award is open to all New Zealand Residents with the following exceptions:

- Employees of Update Software and John Wiley & Sons and their families.
- Employees, directors and Advisory panel members of the New Zealand Branch of the Australasian Cochrane Centre and their families.
- Employees, directors and Advisory panel members of the New Zealand Guidelines Group and their families.
- The Judges