How can the Center for EBM help in conducting high-quality studies relevant for health care system?

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Who we are?

- Place of scientific excellence, continuous education and popularization of evidencebased medicine
- Two departments:
 - Department of Research in Biomedicine and Health
 - Department of Medical Humanities
- and Cochrane Croatia
- Several Croatian and EU project grants

Examples of research studies:

Where patients and their families look for health information?

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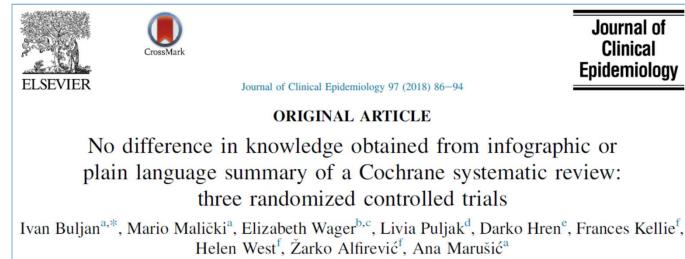
Transparency and public accessibility of clinical trial information in Croatia: how it affects patient participation in clinical trials

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- 25% do not talk with their doctor about their treatment
- 52% look for sources of information other than talking to their physician; for 41% of them it is the Internet.
- 66% know of clinical trials, but only 15% know about possibilities of participating in a trial.
- Although 58% are willing to try new treatments, only 6% have participated in clinical trials.
- Only 2% know about publicly available trial registries.

RESEARCH ARTICLE	Open Access
Languages for different health informative readers: multitrait-multimethod conter analysis of Cochrane systematic review	nt
textual summary formats	BMC Medical Research Methodology
Jasna Karačić ^{1†} , Pierpaolo Dondio ^{2†} , Ivan Buljan ³ , Darko Hren ⁴ and Ana Marušić ^{3*} ©	wethodology

- The readability of plain language summaries of Cochrane systematic reviews is >10, (SMOG indeks), although the recommended reading level for health information for the lay population is 6.
- Press releases were written in more emotional and pleasant language then those for patients and their families.



- 3 parallel randomized trials with university students, consumers, and doctors
- Although the infographic format was perceived as more enjoyable for reading, it was not better than a traditional, text-based plain language summaries in the translation of knowledge about findings from a Cochrane systematic review.



- 2 randomized trials to investigate readers' comprehension and preferences for different presentation of findings, including framing and numerical data, in Cochrane systematic review plain language summaries.
- Numerical presentation and framing direction of results appear to have no significant impact on understanding of messages in plain language summaries.



- Qualitative and quantitative study of patient preferences for different summary formats of Cochrane systematic reviews
- Participants in the focus groups favored brief and explicit summary formats with fewer numbers.
- Patients preferred blogshots over plain language summaries, in comparison to medical students



Karačić et al. BMC Med Ethics (2021) 22:148 https://doi.org/10.1186/s12910-021-00714-3	BMC Medical Ethics
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Reporting violations of Eur of Patients' Rights: analysis in Croatia	•
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- 207 letters to the Croatian Association for Patient Rights, containing 301 complaints about violations of patients' rights in 2017–2018.
- The most common complaint was the Right of Access to Health Care (35.3%), followed by the Right to Information (29.9%) and the Right to Safety (21.7%). The fewest complaints were about the Right to Complain (1.9%), Right to Innovation (1.4%), Right to Compensation (1.4%), and Right to Preventive Measures (1.0%).

Cochrane Croatia – activities in bringing information to the public

Cochran Hrvatska	Pouzdan Informira Bolje zdr	ane odluke.		<u>Hrvatski</u>	English	Cochrane Library ⊵ Cochr	ane.o	
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 Cochrane knjižnica 	Cochrane knjižnica							
 Prijevodi Protokoli i sustavni pregledi hrvatskih autora Što su sustavni pregledi? (YouTube video) 	mogu se pri uredničkoj s sustavnih p	ia nekom om/medicinskom područj idružiti odgovarajućoj Coc skupini . Autori Cochrane regleda najprije postavljaj poo uz peki postupak ili	hrane					





Informed Health Choices

https://www.informedhealthchoices.org/ihc-by-country/croatian-croatia/

Edukacijski materijali na hrvatskom



Knjiga dobrih odluka o zdravlju: Kako ispravno razmišljati o liječenju

Ova knjiga za učenike osnovnih škola (dob od 10 do 12 godina) uključuje priču u obliku stripa, aktivnosti, vježbe, podsjetnike i rječnik.

Solutions?

- Support research into evidence base for policy decisions
- Create health information with all stakeholders
- Croatian Register of Clinical Trials

- according to the Bylaw on clinical trials of medicines and good clinical practice



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