

## Cochrane South Asia conducts protocol development workshop

Cochrane South Asia at the Professor BV Moses Centre for Clinical Trials and Evidence Informed Healthcare, CMC Vellore, hosted a workshop on 'Developing a Protocol for a Cochrane Systematic Review' from 17 - 21 April, 2017. The workshop was attended by 38 healthcare professionals from various specialties including Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dentistry, Physiotherapy and Public Health.



Prof. Prathap Tharyan, Prof. Thambu David, Dr. Mohan Kamat, Richard Kirubakaran and Jabez Paul Barnabas from Cochrane South Asia coordinated the week's sessions with hands-on practical training. All sessions were tailored to provide an initiation to the concepts of evidence-informed healthcare, the wide role of systematic reviews in healthcare provision, and the methodology involved in getting started on a Cochrane systematic review.

Hands-on training on developing a search strategy, use of reference management software, and RevMan software, were well appreciated by the participants. (For more details on training workshops conducted by Cochrane South Asia, go to <http://southasia.cochrane.org/training>).

