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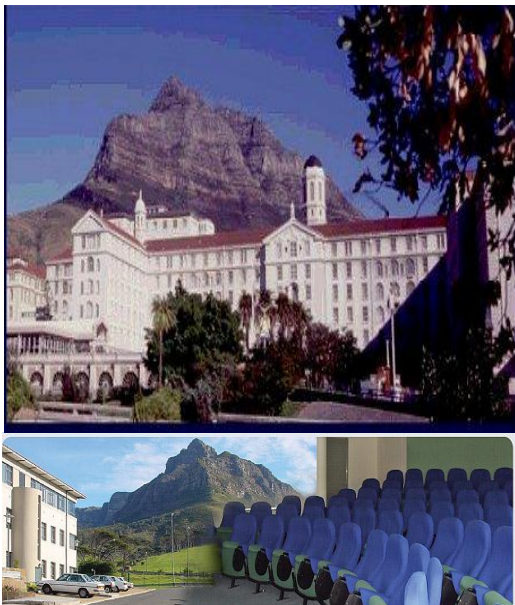# Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis Workshop

Date: 03 – 04 May 2012

Venue: UCT Lung Institute, George Street, Observatory, 7925

Course co-ordinators:

Karen Steingart, Editor Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group and Affiliate Assistant Professor, University of Washington School of Public Health, Seattle, USA

Keertan Dheda and Grant Theron, Lung Infection and Immunity Unit, UCT Lung Institute and Dept. of Medicine, UCT

Taryn Young, SA Cochrane Centre and Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Stellenbosch University

Objectives: By the end of the workshop, attendees will be able to: i) read and critically appraise a systematic review; ii) formulate a clear review question; iii) perform a literature search; iv) assess the risk of bias of included studies; v) develop an analysis plan (including basic steps for meta-analysis); and vi) apply the GRADE process. The focus will be on Tuberculosis. Useful resources will be provided.

Who should attend this course? Those who will be performing a systematic review in the future and those who want to find and read systematic reviews conducted by others. Knowledge about evidence-based health care would be helpful, but is not essential.

Clinical Director Profile: Karen Steingart and her collaborators have published systematic reviews and meta-analyses on TB topics. These reviews have contributed to the evidence base for the development of several recent WHO guidelines on TB. Karen is passionate about systematic reviews and works with teams from all over the world.

Registration info:

Course fee: R3000. Participants must bring their laptops. The closing date for applications is Thursday 19 April 2012. A detailed course outline will be available shortly.

Registrations are open. Please register online and submit a 1 page CV and brief 100 word motivation at: www.isrm.cmc-uct.co.za or contact Fatima Saban (Tel. +27 21 406 6330; Fatima.saban@uct.ac.za)

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