Examples of survey questions

This document provides examples of questions extracted from surveys developed Cochrane Groups. You should design questions focused on the outcomes you want to measure, but these examples might give you some ideas to adapt.

Example questions about the evidence people use

To what extent do you agree with the following?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I have reliable sources of research evidence				
It is easy to keep up to date with the latest research evidence				
It is easy to get research evidence relevant to me				
Enough research evidence is available in my preferred language				

How did you find out about Cochrane evidence? (select all that apply)

- Search engine (e.g. Google)
- Cochrane websites (e.g. Cochranelibrary.com or Cochrane.org)
- Word of mouth
- Own past knowledge of Cochrane
- Social media (e.g. tweets, Facebook)
- Media (e.g. newspapers, tv, radio)
- Press releases
- Journals / medical literature / Pubmed search
- Newsletters from Cochrane
- Newsletters / websites from other organisations
- Other – please say what:

Which of these sources of research evidence do you use to inform your decisions?

	Not aware of	Do not use	Do not find useful	Find somewhat useful	Find very useful
Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine					
Cochrane websites					
Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI)					
Journals					
Pubmed / Medline					
WebMD					
World Health Organization					
Websites from professional societies					
Websites from government departments					
Websites from charities					
Wikipedia					

If there are any other sources of research evidence that you find useful, please tell us here:

What gets in the way of you using research evidence to inform your decisions? Select all that apply.

☐ I have no challenges
☐ Difficulty finding relevant research evidence
☐ Not having up-to-date research evidence
☐ Research evidence is not easy to understand e.g. not too many technical terms
☐ Too much conflicting research evidence
☐ No compilation of all the research evidence about a topic
☐ Not knowing how to put the research evidence into practice
☐ Not having confidence in the research evidence
☐ Not having research evidence in a user-friendly format
☐ Difficulty finding research evidence in my preferred language
☐ Difficulty accessing research evidence from a mobile device (e.g. phone, tablet)
☐ Other - please say what:

Example questions about what people think of evidence

What formats do you find most useful for keeping up to date with research evidence? Select as many as you want.

☐ Short articles published in a journal
☐ Detailed reports available on a website
☐ 1-2 page summaries of research evidence in plain language
☐ Short summaries of research findings with a commentary about the implications for practice
☐ Short summaries of research evidence translated into languages other than English
☐ Tables listing the benefits and harms of different options
☐ Visual summaries like diagrams and infographics
☐ Quarterly newsletters
☐ Monthly newsletters
☐ Podcasts
☐ Videos
☐ Social media posts (e.g. tweets)
☐ Other – please say what:

How useful do you find these ways of summarizing research evidence?

	Not useful	Somewhat useful	Very useful	Don't know / never used
Journal articles				
Short summaries in plain language				
Tweets				
Cochrane Corners – short journal columns based on systematic reviews				
Blogs				

How satisfied are you with Cochrane systematic reviews overall? Think about whether they are easy to understand, relevant to you and give you enough information.

☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied
☐ Have not read Cochrane systematic reviews

Have any Cochrane resources influenced your decisions or your work?

- No
- Yes, partly
- Yes, greatly

If yes, please tell us what difference Cochrane resources made or how we helped you:

To what extent do you agree with the following?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / NA
I am aware of Cochrane synthesized evidence					
Cochrane's resources are easy to understand					
Cochrane's resources are relevant to me					
Cochrane provides evidence fast enough					
Cochrane is one of my trusted sources of evidence					
I would recommend Cochrane's resources to others					

Example questions about evaluating training

	About what I expected	More than I expected	Less than I expected
The trainer's knowledge about the topic …			
The length of training sessions was …			
The amount of content covered in each session was …			
The opportunities to interact with other participants were …			
The opportunities to feed back about the training were …			
The amount I learnt from the training was …			

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the best, please rate the following:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
How useful the written materials were										
How relevant the training content was for you										
How clearly the trainer presented the material										
The quality of the presentation slides										
How useful you found the session										
How likely you are to recommend this training to a colleague										

<u>This question is asked at the start and at the end of training to compare changes:</u>

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest, please rate the following:

	1	2	3	4	5
How much you know about knowledge translation					
Your knowledge translation skills					
Your confidence in doing knowledge translation in your day-to-day role					

Example questions about suggestions for improvement

Is there anything you would like to see on our website to help you stay up to date with the latest research evidence?

Is there anything we could do to improve Cochrane Plain Language Summaries?

What could we do to make Cochrane evidence easier to get, more useful or more relevant to your setting?

What would be the best way to make you aware of our research evidence?

Example questions about people's background characteristics

In which region are you based?

☐ Asia
☐ Africa
☐ Australasia / Oceania
☐ Central and / or South America
☐ Europe
☐ North America
☐ Other – please say what:

What is your <u>main</u> role?

☐ Healthcare professional
☐ Healthcare manager
☐ Healthcare consumer / service user / patient or carer
☐ Educator
☐ Librarian
☐ Researcher
☐ Policy-maker or policy influencer
☐ Other – please say what: