Date fields in Cochrane Reviews: overview

Version history

There are several date fields associated with a Cochrane Review (including protocols and updates), and some are for internal use (available in Review Manager only) and some are included in the published article; see *Table*.

Table. Overview of date fields in Cochrane Reviews: description, source of date, and where the dates are displayed

Type of date	Description	Added by	Displayed?			
			Unpublished (in RevMan)	Cochrane Library search results page	Published Cochrane Review	PubMed
Published online	Date on which a new citation version of a review is published in the *CDSR* (specifically new and updated reviews)	Publisher	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date of search	See Reporting search dates in Cochrane Reviews	Editorial team /authors	Yes	No	No	No
Protocol first published	—	Cochrane	Yes	No	No	No
Review first published	—	Cochrane	Yes	No	No	No
Last citation issue	—	Cochrane	Yes	No	No	No

CDSR: *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*; CR: Cochrane Review; RevMan: Review Manager.
* Published until 2016.