

Governing Board Paper

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Agenda item:	Cochrane Mexico Centre Application
Submitted for Governing Board meeting:	Lisbon, March 2018
Submitted by:	Mark Wilson, Chief Executive Officer
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Access:	Open
Decision or information:	Decision
Resolution for the minutes:	The Board approves the establishment of Cochrane Mexico as a new Cochrane Centre.
Executive summary:	Cochrane Mexico is currently an Associate Centre of the Iberoamerican Network seeking to upgrade to full Centre status. The CEO's Office, Centre Director's Executive, and head of the Iberoamerican Network (Xavier Bonfil) have reviewed the application and are satisfied that Cochrane Mexico will be able to perform the functions of a Cochrane Centre. They commend the high-quality of the application and recommend it for the Board's approval.
Consultation with Cochrane Council:	No
Financial request:	N/A

1 Background:

Applications for new Cochrane Centres require the approval of the Governing Board so that it can have a strategic overview of how Cochrane's global presence is evolving. Board members are not expected to read the applications in detail as this level of scrutiny is undertaken by the CEO's Office. This paper summarises the application for the establishment of a new Cochrane Centre in Mexico.

If any Board members do want to refer to part or all of this application, it can be found in the Convene folder for Lisbon along with the Strategic Plan (**Annexes 1 and 2** to this paper).

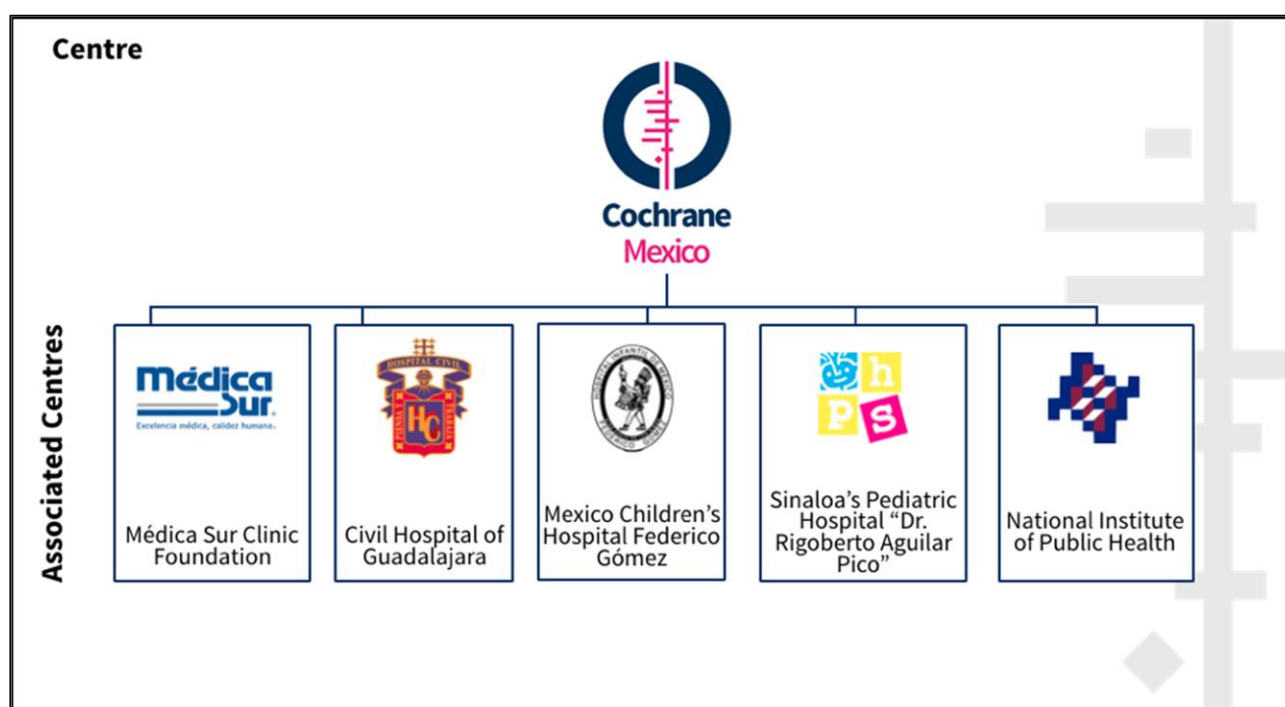
Mexico has participated in Cochrane formally since the early 2000s as part of the Iberoamerican Network. In 2014, Mexico was officially registered as a Branch (now Associate). Since then, and according to the long-standing structure within the Iberoamerican Network, the Associate has been made up of 'collaborating centres' and 'associated groups'. This model is continued in the current application, which proposes that Cochrane Mexico becomes a Centre formed by five Associate Centres, with Affiliates working closely with the Associate Centres.

The leadership team will be formed by the directors of the five Associate Centres, with one serving as Director of Cochrane Mexico for a fixed period (which is rotated between the Associate Centres).

- **Cochrane Mexico's Director:** Giordano Pérez-Gaxiola (Sinaloa's Pediatric Hospital)
- **Cochrane Mexico's Co-director:** Juan Garduño-Espinoza (Mexico Children's Hospital Federico Gómez)

Directors of Associate Centres:

- Netzahualpilli Delgado-Figueroa (Civil Hospital of Guadalajara)
- Pedro J. Saturno (National Institute of Public Health)
- Norberto C. Chávez Tapia (Médica Sur Clinic Foundation)



The host institution of the Centre will rotate every three years. The Centre will remain part of the Cochrane Iberoamerican Network, led by the Cochrane Iberoamerican Centre in Barcelona, Spain.

The priority objectives for Cochrane Mexico will include:

- Building capacity for review production in Mexico;
- Undertaking knowledge translation activities to reach physicians and policy-makers at government level.

2 Recommendation(s):

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