

# The two Cochranes—what’s the difference between Archie and Douglas?



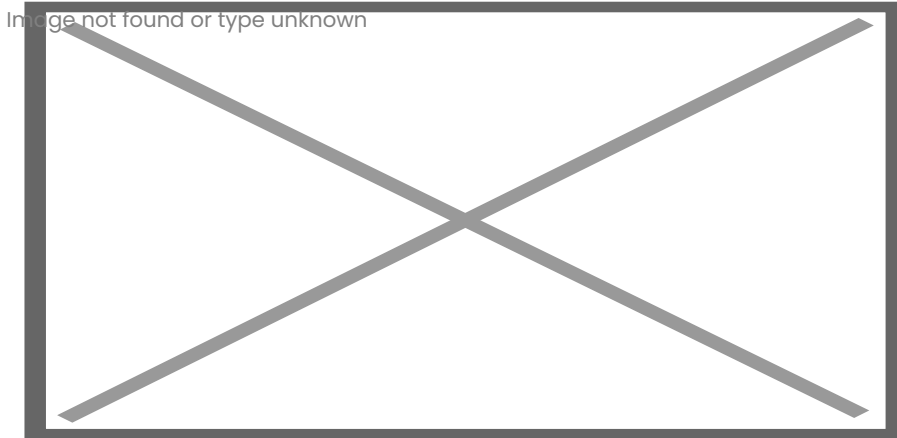
Recently, confusion has arisen about “Cochrane” in the context of quality of health care. The Cochrane Collaboration and the Cochrane Report both address health-care quality but do so in very different ways.

Dr. Archie Cochrane was a Scottish physician and epidemiologist. His slim 1972 collection of lectures, *Effectiveness and Efficiency: Random Reflections on Health Services*, was a founding text of evidence-based medicine. His name graces the Cochrane Collaboration, an international, non-profit, non-governmental organization that produces authoritative systematic reviews in health care and policy. Cochrane reviews are well-regarded for their validity and relevance to practice and BC physicians have free access through the College library in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews.

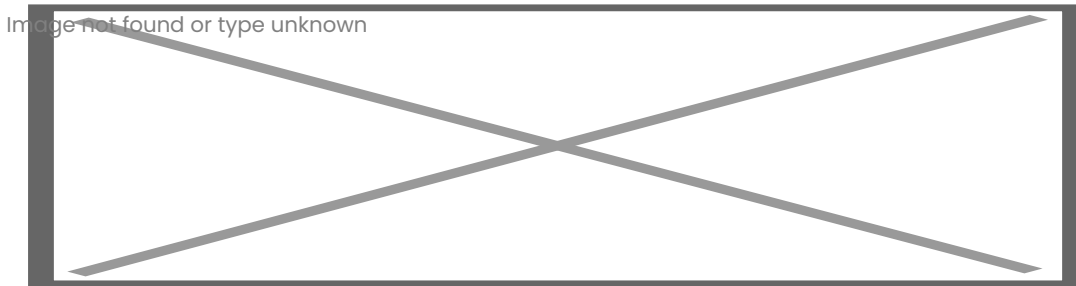
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The other Cochrane, the Cochrane Report by Dr. Douglas Cochrane, has been highly influential in identifying quality concerns in medical imaging and credentialing in BC and recommending improvements. Dr. Cochrane, chair and provincial patient safety and quality officer, BC Patient Safety & Quality Council, authored the two-part report, *Investigation into Medical Imaging Credentialing and Quality Assurance* in 2011 ([Phase 1 Report](#), [Phase 2 Report](#)), and also, in 2016, delivered the [Review of the Functioning of IHealth: Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, Oceanside Health Centre and Dufferin Place](#).

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