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Dear 2nd termers

You will, no doubt, have seen on the Urchfont programme (see website) that on Thursday morning you are scheduled to have a session on "Systematic Review and Meta-analysis". A better hangover cure I cannot imagine!!

This will be run along the lines of previous Critical Appraisal session we have run - and before the session you will need to have read the paper we will be discussing, and attempted to evaluate using the appropriate CASP tool. The paper is in the August 7th 2004 BMJ p 324 - a meta-analysis on the efficacy of topical NSAIDs in Osteoarthritis by Lin et al:  
[www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/329/7461/324](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/reprint/329/7461/324)

The CASP tool can be found at:  
[www.phru.nhs.uk/casp/reviews.pdf](http://www.phru.nhs.uk/casp/reviews.pdf)

It will probably take you about 30 minutes to read the paper and answer the questions.

Happy reading!

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