

What's new?

Newly announced Web sites, documents, mailing lists and other resources, selected by OMNI.

Visit <http://omni.ac.uk/> for more details. All resources in this list have been selected according to the **BIOME Guidelines for Resource Evaluation** <http://biome.ac.uk/guidelines/eval/>. *Additional Information:* PDF documents require the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.co.uk/products/acrobat/download/readstep.html>.

Deliberate releases

http://www.phls.org.uk/facts/deliberate_releases.htm

The Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS) has produced information and guidance on how to deal with deliberate releases of diseases and chemicals, including anthrax, botulism, smallpox, tularemia and plague. Clinical pictures of anthrax and smallpox are also available. Most documents are available in PDF.

The Burden of Lung Disease

<http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/pdf/BTSpages.pdf>

A new report from the British Thoracic Society (BTS), published in November 2001, which brings together 'statistics which show the huge health and economic burden of respiratory illnesses in the UK'. Includes statistics on mortality, morbidity and treatment of respiratory diseases. Available in PDF.

Professional Conduct Annual Report 2000-2001

<http://www.ukcc.org.uk/cms/content/Home/> follow links: [Select a category/Publications/Professional conduct](#)

A new report from the United Kingdom Central Council (UKCC) for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, summarising trends and issues arising from professional conduct cases involving registered nurses, midwives and health visitors. Available in PDF.

Patient decision aids

http://www.ohri.ca/programs/clinical_epidemiology/OHDEC/decision_aids.asp

A set of decision aids, produced by the Ottawa Health Decision Centre (OHDEC). Decision aids are 'used as adjuncts to practitioners' counseling to prepare patients for decision making'. A summary of existing decision aids are available here,

together with a summary and more detailed information on the Ottawa aids. Guidelines are also available for developing quality patient decision aids (all in PDF). Provided on the Web by the Ottawa Health Research Institute.

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

<http://ncmhd.nih.gov/>

The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) is part of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH). Its mission is to 'lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities', among groups including racial and ethnic minorities and the urban and rural poor. The site contains details of programmes, initiatives and research relating to improving the health status of minority Americans and other underserved populations.

Evidence-Based Medicine

<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/ahec/ebmcoe/pages/index.htm>

A new educational Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM) site from a team at the North Carolina University and Area Health Education Center Librarians. The site offers resources that support the teaching and learning of EBM, aimed at librarians, students, and other healthcare professionals.

Cancerline UK

<http://www.cancerlineuk.net/>

Cancerline UK aims to provide guidance on the management of breast, prostate and colorectal cancer for health professionals. The site provides management and referral guidelines, developed by multi-disciplinary teams, chaired by cancer experts. This site is sponsored by an educational grant from AstraZeneca.

MEDLINEplus tutorials

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorial.html>

A suite of interactive tutorials, on a range of health topics, aimed at patients. A number of tutorials are available, including those covering diseases and conditions, surgery and treatment procedures, and tests and diagnostic procedures. The tutorials are hosted by the US Government's MEDLINEplus site, and are produced by the Patient Education Institute. The Flash plug-in is required to view these tutorials.

NHS purchasing card

<http://www.purchasingcard.nhs.uk/>

A site introducing the background and use of the NHS Purchasing Card, a VISA-backed 'charge card' aimed at ward sisters or charge nurses who manage a ward and control the ward budget. The site is provided by NHS Estates and the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, as a 'one-stop guide designed to assist NHS Trusts with the national rollout of purchasing cards for Ward Managers'.

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